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THE LAGGARD CONGRESS

WORK ENOUGH TO KEEP THE SENATE BUSY SIX MONTHS.

NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE YET ACCOMPLISHED—THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT-MAKERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WASTE OF PUBLIC TIME.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The session is far advanced, and both Senators and Representatives are beginning to see that hardly anything has been done. The list of bills passed in the Senate is ludicrously short, and most of them are of a private nature. Much time has been consumed upon propositions which have been postponed or withdrawn, and in long debates in executive session upon appointments in the Army or Navy, which people at large can have no interest in. The long debate upon the Five Per Cent. Scrip Land bill resulted in the withdrawal of the bill, and the Democrats who wasted the Senate's time on the Fitz John Porter bill were glad at last to lay it on the table. Work has been accumulating on the calendar, but it seems almost impossible to make any headway with it. The condition of business was shown to-day by what was said during the morning hour. The calendar meekly asked for consideration, but the Senators threw away the time, each struggling for the advancement of the bill in which he was most interested. Mr. Coke urged the claims of the Indian bill and wished to hear Mr. Teller's long speech on that question. Mr. Thurman fought for a continuation of the Geneva award debate. Mr. McPherson desired to be heard in support of his resolution to appoint a commission to examine the iron-clads. Mr. Kirkwood advocated the consideration of some pension cases. Mr. Ingalls supported his claim for a hearing upon some similar cases which had been specially assigned. It was said that the Ute bill must be passed at once in order to prevent an Indian war, and that the iron-clads must be examined so that a report could be returned during the session. Mr. Cockrell befriended the calendar, as usual. On each desk lay the large volume which contains the testimony in the Kellogg case, which will furnish a debate of great length, the beginning of which had been set down for to-day. At last, when there was but little left of the morning hour, the World's Fair bill was taken up. At the rate which has prevailed thus far the Senate will not be able fairly to consider one-twentieth part of the work before it if it lasts until the 1st of August. For this the Democratic majority are theoretically and actually responsible. The failure of the party to unite upon a candidate for the Presidency has much to do with the dilatory course of its representatives in the Senate.

SUBJECTS FOR ACTION BY CONGRESS.

A NOVEL WAY TO PAY THE DEBT—PROPOSED ARCTIC EXPLORATION — DECORATIONS FOR AMERICANS.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Mr. Scales, of North Carolina, has introduced a bill in the House in regard to the sale of mineral lands, and the application of the proceeds thereof to the payment of the public debt. It provides that the mineral lands of the Government, and all such lands hereafter acquired, shall be surveyed, appraised, and sold by the Government at their true value, and that the proceeds of the same, after the payment of the necessary expenses of surveys, shall be applied toward the payment of the public debt, "and to that extent relieve the industries of the country of the present onerous burdens resting upon them."

The House Committee on Naval Affairs has reported a bill to authorize and equip an expedition to the Arctic seas. The bill authorizes the President to establish a temporary station at some point north of the eighty-first degree of north latitude, on or near the shore of Lady Franklin Bay, for purposes of scientific observation and exploration, and to develop or discover new whaling grounds; to detail such officers or other persons of the public service to take part in the same as may be necessary, and who are willing to enlist for such purpose, not exceeding 50 in number, and to use any public vessel or vessels that may be suitable for the purpose of transporting the members of said station and their necessary supplies, and for such other duty in connection with said station as may be required from time to time. The President is also given authority to accept from H. W. Howgate, and fit out for the purpose of the expedition, the steam-ship Gulnare, which vessel is to be returned to its owner when the objects of the expedition shall have been accomplished, or when, in the opinion of the President, its services are no longer required. The United States is not to be held liable for any damage to the vessel.

A bill reported from the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations authorizes the following named persons to accept decorations and presents from foreign Governments, as shown below:

Gen. Francis A. Walker, Superintendent of Census, a decoration of Knight Commander of the Danish Order of Wasa, from Sweden, and the decoration of Commander of the Spanish Order of Isabella, from Spain, in recognition of his services as Chief of the Bureau of Awards at the Centennial Exhibition.

Joseph Irish, United States Marines, from the Spanish Government, the Grand Cross of Naval Merit of the second class, for services rendered to the officers and crew of the Spanish war vessel Pizarro.

Lieut. Benjamin H. Buckingham, United States Navy, from the President of the French Republic, the Cross of the Legion of Honor, for services in connection with the Paris Exposition of 1878.

Lieut. Henry Metcalfe, Ordnance Department, United States Army, from the Sultan of Turkey, a decoration of the Order of the Osmanie, for his services in conducting the inspection of arms and ammunition manufactured for the Imperial Ottoman Government at Providence, R. I., and Bridgeport and New-Haven, Conn.

Rear-Admiral John J. Almy, United States Navy, from the King of the Hawaiian Islands, a decoration of the Order of Kamehameha I.

Lieut. Z. L. Tanner, United States Navy, from the Japanese Government, a pair of flower-vases and a lacquered box, in acknowledgment of his services in rescuing four Japanese seamen from a wreck in the Pacific Ocean, Jan. 19, 1877.

Lieut. Francis V. Greene, United States Army, from the Emperor of Russia, a decoration of the third class of the order of Saint Anne, for bravery under fire at the battle of Shipka Pass, Aug. 23 and 24, 1877, and at the assault of Plevna, Sept. 11, 1877; also, a decoration of the fourth class of the order of Saint Vladimir, for bravery under fire during the passage of the Balkans, Dec. 28-31, 1877, and at the battle of Philippopolis, Jan. 15-17, 1878; also, the campaign medal conferred upon all persons present in the campaign.

William J. Wilson, Assistant Surgeon, United States Army, from the Khedive of Egypt, a decoration of the order of Nejidieh for gallantry in battle in the action near Gura, in Abyssinia, March 7, 1876.

Commander J. W. A. Nicholson, United States Navy, from the Spanish Government, the Grand Cross of Naval Merit with a white badge, for services rendered to the officers and crew of the wrecked war-ship Pizarro.

The bill provides that none of these decorations, and none which have been before, or shall be hereafter, accepted by any United States officer shall be publicly shown or exposed by him upon his person, and that hereafter all decorations or presents from any foreign Government to any officer of the United States must be tendered through the Department of State, and not to the individual in person.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads to-day considered the resolution referred to it last week touching the contract said to have been made by the Union and Central Pacific Railroad Companies and the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company, and instructed the sub-committee to inquire into the facts alleged, in order that the full committee may determine whether the resolution authorizing an investigation of the contract should be reported affirmatively to the House. The sub-committee consists of Mess. Chalmers, of Mississippi, Newberry, of Michigan, and Bliss, of New-York. It appears that several of the principals to the contract have voluntarily appeared before the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, to whom this matter was referred by the Senate, and explained that the contract had been drawn, but that it had not yet been consummated. As previously stated in these dispatches, a copy of the contract has been laid before the Secretary of the Interior, and has been referred by that officer to the Attorney-General for his opinion as to its legality.

In the Senate to-day, Mr. Conkling presented a petition from the Buffalo Board of Trade for an appropriation of $30,000, to be used in paying for a survey of a ship-canal from Lake Superior, at Duluth, to the Red River of the North and the Upper Mississippi. This petition is accompanied by a printed report prepared in the North-west by those who advocate the construction of such a canal. It is estimated that the canal would be 382 miles long, with 111 locks and 56 dams, and would cost $3,750,000. All except 37 miles would be secured by the improvement of natural water-ways. It is said that the canal would open rich wheat lands to settlement and afford direct communication to supplies of lumber; that by means of it the flour mills of Minnesota could procure grain from the Red River region, and ship the manufactured product to the East, and that it would draw the grain trade of Manitoba and the recently-opened wheat lands of Canada away from the Canadian railways.

Mr. Wells, of Missouri, introduced a bill in the House to-day authorizing the Postmaster-General to contract with the Mississippi Valley and Brazil Steam-ship Company of St. Louis for a semi-monthly mail service from New-Orleans to Havana, Kingston, Fort Spain, (Trinidad,) in the West Indies, and Para, Maranham, Pernambuco, Bahia, and Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil, the contract to subsist for 10 years, with a compensation of $25 for each nautical mile, provided the total compensation shall not exceed $135,000 per annum. The bill also provides for the establishment of a steam-ship express, to embrace packages not transmissible in the mails of the Universal Postal Union, not exceeding 20 pounds weight, said packages to be transmitted in the domestic mails from any part of the United States, subject to the same rate of postage as fourth class mail matter, and to be transferred to the steam-ships of said company to be transported to their destination for a reasonable charge. The bill also provides that the Consuls and Consular Agents of the United States at foreign ports shall, as a part of their duties, and without extra compensation, become the agents for the reception and distribution of such parcels.

The House Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, at their meeting to-day, instructed Mr. Claflin, of Massachusetts, to report to the House his substitute for Representative Jones's bill relating to coinage and coin. The substitute provides for the recinage of the silver coins of the United States of the denomination of half-dollars of the weight provided by the act of Feb. 12, 1873, (192.9 grains,) now in the Treasury of the United States, or that may hereafter be paid into the Treasury, into silver half-dollars of 206¼ grains, or proportionate full standard weight of the legal-tender silver dollar, and that such half-dollars shall be receivable for all dues, public and private.

A LIVELY DEBATE INTERRUPTED.

SENATOR THURMAN TAKES ILL WHEN ABOUT TO REPLY TO A SPEECH BY MR. BLAINE.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The lively debate between Mr. Blaine and Mr. Thurman, upon certain aspects of the Geneva Award bill, in the Senate to-day, was accidental and unexpected, arising upon an amendment offered by the latter. Mr. Blaine eloquently advocated the claims of ship-owners who paid war premiums, and Mr. Thurman supported the Judiciary Committee's bill and the insurance companies. The Senator from Maine appeared in the rôle of a navigator, and the Senator from Ohio played the part of a lawyer. The impetuous attacks of Mr. Blaine upon the legal fortifications of his antagonist and the earnestness which characterized the replies of Mr. Thurman soon attracted a crowd to the galleries. At 2:30 o'clock, while beginning a reply to a peculiarly effective statement, Mr. Thurman's words failed him. "The Senator—the Senator—," he began, and then his face became suddenly suffused with blood, and he laid his right hand upon his forehead, as if vainly trying to remember what he had intended to say, or to subdue a pain. Immediately it became apparent that something serious had happened to the Senator. He groped around the desk beside him until his hand touched a glass of water, and he then began slowly to bathe his forehead. The debate was forgotten, and then there was a bustle in the galleries, where all were watching the gray-haired old man as he slowly passed his hand from the glass to his head. In a moment several Senators gathered around him and helped him into the cloak-room. Among them was Senator Blaine. The Door-keeper hurried around the chamber in search of a doctor, and one was very soon procured from the gallery. As the Senator lay upon a sofa in the cloak-room everything was done for him which the circumstances would allow. Fearing that the character of his illness would be exaggerated by rumor, he directed a messenger to go immediately to his house and tell his wife that he was not sick. In the course of half an hour he had so far recovered that it was considered advisable to carry him home. This evening he is confined to his bed, but is so much better that he enjoys a cigar. His secretary announces that the Senator will be in his seat in the Senate to-morrow, and says that his illness was caused by a sudden rush of blood to the head, induced by biliousness. The treatment to which he was subjected consisted of repeated applications of hot mustard water to his feet and ice to his head. Rumors have prevailed this evening that the attack was one of apoplexy, but there seems to be no foundation for such a statement.

THE KELLOGG-SPOFFORD CASE.

TESTIMONY PRINTED WHICH WAS ORDERED TO BE STRICKEN OUT—AN EXPLANATION TO BE DEMANDED.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The testimony in the Kellogg-Spofford case has been printed for the use of the Senate, and makes a volume of 1,200 pages. The Republican members of the Committee on Privileges and Elections were surprised to discover that certain testimony which was ordered to be stricken from the record is contained in this printed volume. The testimony of E. L. Weber was a portion of that ordered to be stricken out. Weber was the witness who testified, when before the Potter committee, that he had come into possession of the celebrated Sherman letter, written to Anderson and Weber, a brother of this witness, and that he destroyed it in order that it might not reflect upon his brother's memory. Weber was a member of the Packard Legislature, and before the voting for Senator began, went over to the Nicholls Legislature in order to prevent a quorum in the Packard body. Weber testified to having been told by members of the Packard Legislature that they had received money for voting for Kellogg, and that these persons showed him the rolls of money they had received from Kellogg. Weber was to have been called for cross-examination, but failed to appear, and the Sergeant-at-Arms was directed to arrest and bring him before the committee. Subsequently, however, this order was rescinded, and Weber's testimony was directed to be stricken from the record. It is probable that attention will be called in the Senate to-morrow to this mutilation of the record, and Mr. Hill may be asked to explain how it occurred.

MR. ACKLEN'S CROOKED COURSE.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The testimony taken by the House Committee on the Judiciary to-day, in reference to the Acklen case, presents further damaging facts against Mr. Acklen. In his personal explanation in the House, Mr. Acklen assigned, as a reason for presenting the bogus report, in which an old report on the same subject made to the Forty-fifth Congress was incorporated, that the supply of printed copies of the old report was exhausted. The Superintendent of the Document-room was called to-day, and testified that there was still on hand at least 50 copies of the old report. This testimony destroys the principal excuse offered by Mr. Acklen for his extraordinary conduct in imposing a paper upon the House as the report of one of its committees.

THE PURCHASE OF BONDS.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—From the surplus revenue of the current month the Secretary of the Treasury has thus far purchased for the sinking fund about $8,300,000 of United States bonds, the amount in excess of $5,000,000 being for premium on the bonds purchased. These purchases include the bonds purchased on Wednesday last and have all been paid for. It is believed that the forthcoming debt statement will show a net surplus of $10,000,000 for March, which would give an additional $2,000,000 for the purchase of bonds on Wednesday next. It is probable, however, that the Secretary will not purchase that amount on Wednesday, as he will not learn definitely until Thursday noon the exact amount of surplus revenue for March. If he adheres to the programme of purchasing every Wednesday, he can with safety purchase at least $1,000,000 this week.

THE NEW-YORK WORLD'S FAIR.

DISCUSSION ON THE INCORPORATING BILL IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The bill for a World's Fair in 1883 was discussed in the Senate to-day. This bill—heretofore described in THE TIMES—was introduced by Mr. Kernan, and by him reported from the Finance Committee with a few unimportant amendments. To-day Mr. Kernan offered an amendment adding the names of several persons to the list of corporators. This amendment was adopted. Mr. Kernan said that the bill had been brought to him by New-York gentlemen who desired to have a creditable exhibition, and who realized that the work must be done without asking for money out of the public Treasury. The bill had been very carefully framed, so as to prevent an application to the Government for aid. Mr. Thurman declared that so many Commissioners were provided for in the bill, over 200, that it was too cumbrous to be successful. The exhibition should be in the hands of a very few able men and they should be paid salaries sufficiently large to enable them to devote their whole time to the work. The provision for State and Honorary Commissioners would make the bill so heavy that it would break down under its own weight, and where could be found the power by which Congress could constitutionally create such a corporation? Mr. Kernan said the purpose of the bill was a purely national one, and maintained that Congress had power to grant the charter. The company would exist only for the purposes of the exhibition, and would be temporary in its character. The framers of the bill had profited by experience at Philadelphia, and had avoided the two-headed system which had made trouble there. Mr. Cockrell feared that the section which relieved the National Government from all liability was not sufficiently strict, and he proposed another, which was accepted. At this point, Mr. Edmunds said that so important a bill deserved more exhaustive consideration than it could receive in the morning hour, and upon his objection it went over without losing its place on the calendar. It is apparent that the bill is destined to undergo considerable criticism before its passage.

THE TARIFF ON SUGAR.

A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES PROPOSED BY THE WAYS AND MEANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The sub-committee of the Committee on Ways and Means, who were instructed to report a bill to modify the duty on sugar, have prepared a bill in which the following rates of duty are fixed: On melado, 1.90 cents per pound; on sugar not above No. 7 Dutch standard, 2.25 cents; from No. 7 to No. 13, 2.55 cents; from No. 13 to No. 16, 2.87 cents; from No. 16 to No. 20, 3.20 cents; and on all sugars above No. 20, 3.67 cents. All sugars testing above 82° are to be classified as above No. 7 Dutch standard, and the Secretary is authorized to use the polariscope, or any other method to determine saccharine strength. This bill is based upon the principle of assessing a duty of 50 per cent. ad valorem. These rates are higher than those fixed in what is known as the Robbins bill, and are considerably lower than the existing rates. In addition to a specific duty varying from 1¾ to 4 cents per pound, the present law imposes an ad valorem duty of 25 per cent. The bill proposed by the sub-committee abolishes the ad valorem duty and makes the rates specific as indicated by the figures above given. It has not been formally acted upon by the sub-committee, but has been framed more particularly with a view of obtaining the opinions of sugar men upon the rates therein named. No action will be taken by the sub-committee till the latter part of this or the beginning of next week.

THE VENEZUELAN CLAIMS.

SECRETARY EVARTS RECOMMENDS COERCION TO COMPEL THE PAYMENT OF AWARDS.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Secretary Evarts sent a long communication to the Senate this afternoon upon the subject of the Venezuela award. He says that the original award amounted to $1,253,310 20. Upon this the Venezuelan Government has only paid $725,875. The Government has not even kept up the interest, so that the sum now due is greater than the original award, amounting to $1,631,424 26. The Venezuelan Government, upon the allegation of fraud in the original award, has asked to have a new commission appointed, to examine all claims. Secretary Evarts thinks it would be very unjust to put claimants to the trouble of re-proving their cases. The death of witnesses in many cases would make such proof impossible. He is also against any discriminations in the matter of claims already awarded. He recommends to Congress to employ coercion to compel the Venezuelan Government to pay these claims, and suggests that a commission be authorized by Congress to say what claims should be demanded under coercion. As this is the first overt act of Mr. Evarts's vigorous foreign policy, it will probably command attention.

NOTES FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, March 29, 1880.

The receipts from internal revenue to-day were $626,581 49, and from Customs $786,024 42.

The House Committee on Appropriations to-day discussed the Star Route Deficiency bill, and instructed Mr. Blackburn to report it back to the House with non-concurrence in the Senate amendments.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations to-day completed the consideration of the Special Deficiency bill, and authorized Mr. Eaton to report it to the Senate, with the amendments agreed upon on Saturday, and an additional amendment appropriating $15,000 for the coast survey.

Five or six hundred children celebrated Easter Monday on the White House grounds, to-day, in a manner which seems to be peculiar to Washington. Nearly every child had a little basketful of gayly-painted Easter eggs, and the amusement consisted in rolling these eggs down the terraces, and eating them when the shells were broken by collision.

The city clergymen held a meeting to-day, having been drawn together by a call issued by the Rev. Dr. Leaahan inviting them to take action for the purpose of suppressing vice. It was said in the meeting that there was some fear lest the National Board of Health intended, under the bill recently introduced for enlarging the board's powers, to license houses of prostitution. Some of the clergymen opposed any action at present, and a committee, consisting of the Rev. Drs. Leaahan, Hankin, and Butler, was appointed to gather information and ascertain the sentiments of members of Congress in relation to the subject.

The Senate to-day ratified the French claims treaty. It met with no opposition, and was ratified without amendment. This treaty, which was signed at Washington Jan. 15, provides that a commission of three members, one to be appointed by France, one by the United States, and the third by the Emperor of Brazil, shall meet six months after the exchange of ratifications to arbitrate definitely on the claims of French subjects arising from the war of the rebellion, and on any counter-claims of American citizens who may have sustained losses under like circumstances. The treaty, so far as it relates to claims against the United States, applies solely to demands for indemnity originating from acts of injury committed with the acquiescence of the Federal authorities, the United States Government having explicitly refused to accept responsibility for any acts of the Confederates, or for any loss arising from the loss or emancipation of slaves.

AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN LANDS

PROGRESS OF THE BRITISH POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.

CAUSES OF SUNDAY'S RIOT AT ENNISCORTHY—THE BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS REFUSES TO AID THE LIBERALS.

ENNISCORTHY, March 29.—The cause of the riot here yesterday was as follows: The Chevalier O'Clery, member for the County of Wexford in the late Parliament, seeks a re-election as a Home Ruler, while Mr. Parnell has nominated two other candidates as obstructionists, one of whom is very unpopular. The Chevalier O'Clery's party, some 10,000 strong, took possession of the platform. When Mr. Parnell arrived, accompanied by members of the Enniscorthy Club, he attempted to get on the platform, and was received with shouts of "No dictation!" His friends were attacked, beaten, and thrown down, several with bleeding heads. A body of armed Police was drawn up near the platform, and had the Parnell party been numerous the list of casualties would have been very large.

LONDON, March 29.—The papers publish the following letter from the Baroness Burdett-Coutts to Mr. Samuel Morley, a member of the late Parliament, and who is Chairman of the committee of Mr. Herbert Gladstone—a son of the ex-Premier—in answer to a circular asking her to contribute toward Mr. Herbert Gladstone's candidature for Middlesex: "I do not feel disposed to join this movement, because it seems to me that under the present circumstances of the world, the country needs, above all things, a strong Government, and since the dissolution of Parliament in 1874, by Mr. Gladstone, the Liberals have been too disorganized to offer such a Government to the country."

DUBLIN, March 29.—At a meeting of the Home Rule League, held here to-night, a resolution was passed declaring that the treatment of Mr. Parnell, at Enniscorthy, by a hired mob, reflects the deepest disgrace on O'Clery and all who took part in the outrage.

THE ASIATIC WARS.

FIGHTING CONTINUED IN AFGHANISTAN—THE RUMPA REBELLION.

KABUL, March 29.—Fighting continues between Mohammed Jan and the Hazaras. The authenticity of the news of the defeat of Mohammed Jan is doubted.

LONDON, March 29.—A dispatch from Kabul says: "A hurried and incomplete settlement is, above all, to be deprecated, and before the country had a ruler strong in our support our retirement would be attributed to weakness and would occasion a rising of every tribe from Kabul to Peshawar."

A dispatch from Calcutta says: "Notwithstanding the execution of the chief of the Rumpa rebellion, the rebels are still under arms under the command of his lieutenant. The villages appear to afford shelter and supplies to the rebels."

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: "A report from the Oxus says that the chief Oxus column has returned without meeting opposition on the right bank of the Oxus, and had been accompanied by the Khan of Khiva."

LONDON, March 30.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: "The possibility of war with China is freely discussed here. A dispatch from Berlin says to keep the Chinese from Kuldja the Russians are endeavoring to induce the King of Burmah to join the proposed Japan-Siamese alliance against China. A new Japanese envoy will leave Tokio for St. Petersburg in April.

A dispatch from Teheran says: "At Tehiklar and Chatte the preparations of the Russians for the campaign are singularly backward. Their entire force is only 2,000 men.

The Turcomans refuse to pay four years' taxes demanded by the Shah, and are blockading the Persian camp.

RUSSIA'S EUROPEAN RELATIONS.

THE EMPEROR WILLIAM'S PROTESTATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP—DISPLEASURE WITH FRANCE.

VIENNA, March 29.—The *New Free Press* says: "The Emperor William, replying to the congratulations of his Generals on the occasion of the celebration of his birthday, said that he believed he was able to assure them they would probably have no more opportunity of putting in practice their military knowledge, all fear of war having apparently, for the present, been dispelled."

LONDON, March 29.—A correspondent at Vienna, points out that the friendly protestations of the Emperor William and the Czar, however reassuring as to danger of a serious conflict, are not quite identical with an approach between the two Governments.

LONDON, March 30.—A correspondent at Berlin reports that there will be a meeting between Emperor William and the Czar in a short time.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says the health of the Czarina is sensibly declining. All reports of the early departure of the Court to Livadia are unfounded.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says: "In Court circles every allusion to France is studiously avoided, so strong is the displeasure at her treatment of the Hartmann case."

EXPELLING THE JESUITS.

THE FRENCH DECREES AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED RELIGIOUS BODIES.

PARIS, March 29.—The decrees against unauthorized religious societies will be published to-morrow. The first concerns the Jesuits only, while the second affects all unauthorized congregations. The first decree says: "The Government considering that further tolerance cannot be extended to a society against which the national sentiment has declared itself, have resolved to dissolve the association, and establishments occupied by its members must be closed and vacated within three months, which period may be prolonged until Aug. 31 in the case of educational establishments attached to the society." The second decree provides that unauthorized congregations must apply to the Government for authorization, and that such bodies as shall not ask, or eventually obtain, authorization, shall be dissolved.

LONDON, March 30.—A dispatch from Paris says devoted friends of Premier De Freycinet affirm, in the most absolute manner, that he will go no further than dissolving the Jesuit establishments.

CURRENT FOREIGN TOPICS.

LONDON, March 29.—A dispatch from Geneva says: "It is officially stated that the number of men killed by accident in the St. Gothard Tunnel from the commencement of the undertaking to the end of February, 1880, amounted to 120, and the wounded to 400."

Sir Allen Young, the late owner and commander of the steam-yacht Pandora, now James Gordon Bennett's artic yacht Jeannette, received Prof. Nordenskjold, the Swedish explorer, at dinner last night, at his residence in London. Prof. Nordenskjold has telegraphed to Paris, saying that he will be there April 1.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says: "We are informed that the Chinese Government will probably claim Macao from the Portuguese."

Nineteen thousand volunteers participated in a sham fight at the Easter Monday review at Brighton to-day. A fog somewhat retarded operations.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 29.—Serious discussions have occurred in the Turkish Cabinet. The Grand Vizier proposed a reduction of the various pensions and the Sulten's civil list. Mahmoud Nedim Pasha, Minister of the Interior, vigorously opposed the proposition, and the Grand Vizier accused him of lack of patriotism.

KONIGSBERG, March 29.—The navigation of the Baltic has been reopened.

LONDON, March 30.—A dispatch from Paris says the health of the city continues below the average. There were 1,206 deaths last week. Typhoid fever and small-pox are prevalent.

A correspondent at Rome telegraphs as follows: "Overwork, want of exercise and of salubrious air are telling on the Pope disastrously."

THE TILDEN MEN AHEAD.

THE CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT SYRACUSE APRIL 20—SECURING ALL BUT ONE OF THE HOTELS.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 29.—Much excitement was created in local Democratic circles, to-day, by an attempt by Alfred Wilkinson, a prominent banker, and the guardian of Tilden's interests in this part of the State, to secure all the hotels in the city and thus shut out John Kelly and Tammany Hall from Syracuse on the day of the Democratic State Convention. Wilkinson secured all the hotels except the Vanderbilt House, whose proprietor refused to accede to Wilkinson's terms. Mr. Wilkinson declared that unless the State Committee could secure the hotels of the city, it would call the convention for Utica. Mr. H. J. Mowry, State Committeeman for this district, has secured the Wieting Opera-house for the Convention, and has telegraphed to Daniel Manning that the arrangements for holding the convention in Syracuse are satisfactory. The Kelly committee can secure Shakespeare Hall, where Kelly was nominated for Governor.

ALBANY, March 29.—The following call was issued to-day for a Democratic State convention:

The Democratic electors of the several Assembly districts of this State, and all others who intend to support the nominees of the Democratic National Convention, are requested to send three delegates to a State Convention to be held at Syracuse on Tuesday, April 20, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of choosing delegates to represent this State in the Democratic National Convention, to be held at Cincinnati June 22, 1880, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

By order of the Democratic State Committee.
LESTER B. FAULKNER, Chairman.
DANIEL MANNING, Secretary.

MATTERS AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

ALLEGANY COUNTY FAVOR—MR. FINCH DECLINES MR. SMYTH'S PLACE—LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

ALBANY, March 29.—Since Allegany County has secured the Health Officer much complaint has been heard at the capital in consequence of the amount of patronage that has been bestowed upon an already fortunate portion of the State. Thus far it comes in for several good offices. It has the Lieutenant-Governor, the Attorney-General, State Assessor Vedder, Captain of the Port Cole, and Health Officer Smith. It seems that Attorney-General Ward had undertaken to secure Dr. Smith's appointment, possibly with a remote idea of directing the appointments of aides under him. The Attorney-General, it is said, did not carry his own county in the struggle for delegates to the Utica Convention, and was not named as a delegate to Chicago. Dr. Smith was then taken up by Lieut.-Gov. Hoskins, who ran him into place successfully. Of course, he has deprived Gen. Ward of any opportunity which he might otherwise have had of shaping the sort of appointments to be made. Dr. Smith was here on Saturday, and spent the entire day with the Lieutenant-Governor. It is doubtful whether the Attorney-General ever knew he was in town.

There was a chance on Friday that the already greatly favored region in Senator Davenport's neighborhood would come in for another good office—that of Insurance Superintendent. The fact that the Governor desired to have Mr. Francis M. Finch, of Ithaca, appointed has already been stated. Mr. Finch is very highly spoken of by all who know him, as a man of education, of rare intelligence and wisdom, of the strictest integrity, and of great public spirit. The suggestion that he was likely to get Smyth's place was greeted as an encouraging sign. Mr. Charles M. Titus, member of Assembly from Tompkins was, it is said, sent to Ithaca on Friday, to urge Mr. Finch to take the nomination. He returned yesterday, and took tea with the Governor last night, and it is said that he then communicated the answer of Mr. Finch, which was to the effect that he could not accept the nomination for Insurance Superintendent. This declination is regretted by all who have heard of it, as Mr. Finch is considered the best man yet suggested for the place, and it was hoped he would accept it and give the State the benefit of a good man's services, while he imparted prestige to an Administration that has thus far been without it.

A pile of about 70 bills lay on the Clerk's desk when the Assembly convened this evening, and most of the session was devoted to third readings. Gov. Cornell sent in a veto of a bill introduced by Mr. Ellis, of Jefferson. The bill proposed to exempt a certain part of the Lake Ontario shore from a prohibition, by last year's Game bill, of fishing with nets of a size described. The effect of the law is to deprive a large number of persons of a means of living, while the Canadians reap the benefit, being free to fish in British waters and sell their fish in New-York State. The Governor vetoed the bill on the ground that it would be a bad thing to begin to make exceptions to the Game law. Mr. Skinner, who moved to lay the bill and Message on the table, intimated that the Governor did not know what he was about when he vetoed it. Mr. Curtis's bill to impose greater restrictions upon the sale of oleomargarine was taken from the Sub-committee of the Whole and ordered to a third reading. The House was very careless in its behavior, and rather discourteously allowed a bill introduced by the Speaker, providing for a water supply for West Point, to fail for lack of the constitutional vote. William T. O'Brien, brother of John J. O'Brien, and recently appointed Collector of Canal Tolls at New-York, filed his bond to-day, and will immediately enter upon the performance of his duties. He has been a book-keeper for a dry goods house for 18 years.

The Assembly Committee on Cities will hear arguments in relation to the proposed City charter, introduced by Senator Strahan, on Wednesday, March 31, at 4:30 P. M. The public are invited to be present.

PLEASANT FOR POLICY-HOLDERS.

ALBANY, March 29.—Judge Westbrook has appointed James M. Varnum, of No. 110 Broadway, a Referee to ascertain who are the policy-holders entitled to share in the distribution of the securities held by the Insurance Department belonging to the suspended Atlantic Mutual Life Company of Albany. This company commenced business in 1866, and went into the hands of a Receiver in 1877, on suit brought by the Attorney-General. The institution had on deposit with the Insurance Department for the protection of policy-holders securities of the par value of $100,000 and $15,000 in cash. Superintendent Smyth applied to the court, through his attorneys, Arthur, Phelps, Knevals, & Ransom, for the appointment of a Referee to examine the books, and determine who are the policy-holders entitled to share in the distribution of these funds, and what their respective shares should be. Thereupon the court appointed Mr. Varnum. The order further requires the furnishing of an actuary to assist the Referee, and the publication of notice to the policy-holders in certain designated papers.

A similar order and petition have been filed in reference to the Globe Mutual Life Insurance Company, which is also in the hands of a Receiver, and has $100,000 in securities and $6,022 15 in cash on deposit. Mr. William H. Seaver has been appointed Referee in this case.

THE SAN FRANCISCO ELECTION.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—The election to-morrow promises to call out a full vote, and to be well contested. The so-called Democratic State Club, comprising the better class of the party, has tacitly indorsed the ticket of the Citizens' Protective Union, which has also been formally indorsed by the Republican County Committee. The County Committee wing of the Democrats have, however, joined hands with the Sand Lots party both on the Freeholders' ticket and on the candidate for State Senator. Both sides are confident of success. The Citizens' Protective Union is taking precautions to insure a full turn-out and a fair vote.

FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE.

THE MEN CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED BRIBERY IN PENNSYLVANIA FLEE FROM THE STATE.

PHILADELPHIA, March 29.—The failure of William H. Kemble and the other persons convicted of attempting to bribe members of the Pennsylvania Legislature to appear at Harrisburg to-day for sentence, created great excitement in this city. All the principal defendants have fled from the jurisdiction of the court, and it is believed they have gone to Canada, where they will remain until it can be settled that a pardon will be granted them immediately upon their being sentenced. The missing defendants are William H. Kemble, President of the People's Bank of this city; Charles Salter, ex-member of the Legislature; James Crawford, of Blair County, ex-Superintendent of Public Grounds at Harrisburg; William Rumberger, Representative for the Erie district, and Emil Petroff, Representative from the Fifth Philadelphia District. They were each held in $2,000 bail, on the charge of corrupt solicitation, except Kemble, who had an additional $1,500 bail for perjury. J. C. Rumberger, President of the Mechanics' Bank, Harrisburg, was bail for Kemble; Lane S. Hart, State Printer, was bail for Petroff and Salter; William P. Smull for Crawford, and Christopher Leird for Rumberger.

It was announced early this morning that Mr. Kemble had gone to New-York, and would not return for three weeks. This was the first intimation given that he would not appear for sentence. Crawford and Rumberger left the St. Cloud Hotel, where they had stayed over Sunday, and proceeded to the Pennsylvania depot, but instead of taking the train to Harrisburg, they embarked for New-York also. Petroff and Salter were both in the city this morning, but they suddenly disappeared and no one knows what has become of them. It is believed that the defendants were urged to flight by their friends here, and that they will not go so far away but that they can be communicated with by telegraph or mail. The more discreet friends of the men consider that they have made a great mistake, and that they have destroyed all hope of pardon, because Attorney-General Palmer and Lieut-Gov. Stone would not dare to vote to pardon fugitives from justice, and offer them this premium to return. Mr. Franklin B. Gowen is censured severely by Kemble's friends for the part he has taken in the prosecution, because two years ago, when the Reading Road needed financial aid, Mr. Kemble came to Gowen's aid. Great stress is laid upon the fact that the action of these men and their friends will tend to injure the Republican party in this State. This is mere talk, however, and it should be taken into consideration that a Republican Legislature refused to pass the bill, it ordered the investigation of these men, it ordered their prosecution in the courts, and a Republican Pardon Board refused to condone their offense by a previous pardon. The whole thing will have a wholesome effect upon legislation in Pennsylvania.

Immediately upon its being known that Kemble had left the city, notice was sent to several political and business men, friends of the fugitive, to meet at the Continental Hotel this evening. There were present ex-Sheriff Leeds, Kerst, and Howell, Counselor William B. Mann, Henry Bumm, William Stagerly, and others. All these gentlemen are interested in the bank and railroads of which Mr. Kemble is the head. What they did was kept profoundly secret, but numerous telegrams were at once sent out, most of them going to New-York.

HARRISBURG, Penn., March 29.—The court convened at 2 o'clock, Judges Pearson and Henderson being present. Kemble, Salter, Petroff, Crawford, and Rumberger failed to appear, and their bail was forfeited. Writs were at once issued for their arrest, which will detain them wherever found within the United States, providing the bail seen fit so to ordain it. The court-house was densely crowded. Whether the bail of Kemble, Salter, and the others see fit to arrest the fugitives or not, the counsel for the prosecution, after obtaining the necessary warrants, will demand requisition papers. Detectives are already on the track.

DESTRUCTIVE STORM IN THE WEST.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Saturday's storm appears, from the reports coming in, to have been most severe in Central and Southern Illinois and Eastern Indiana. In some places considerable damage has been done, but mostly in the way of broken fences, glass, and roofs. Champaign County suffered losses amounting to almost $4,000. Farmers report fences leveled and the land under water. The wires have been in difficulty throughout Iowa, but the reports from that State do not speak of any great damage inflicted.

A dispatch from Chippewa Falls, Wis., says: "Duncan Creek, which empties into Chippewa River at this point, rose 10 feet Sunday morning. The water overflowed its banks and ran through the city. Two dams, three bridges, a cooper's shop, and a carpenter's shop were carried away. Several bridges above the city are also gone. The damage in the city is estimated at $5,000, and the total loss at $10,000. The water is now falling."

VIRGINIA JUDGES ON TRIAL.

LYNCHBURG, Va., March 29.—The second case of the United States against the County Judges for violation of the Constitution came up to-day—that of Judge Griffin, of Roanoke County. After a strong argument for the defense, the case was given to the jury. Failing to agree, it was discharged; it stood 11 to 1 for acquittal.

ARMY AND NAVY INTELLIGENCE.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Second

TALK OF THE HOUR IN PARIS

POLITICS AND PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

SPELLING REFORM IN GERMANY—THE CRUSADE AGAINST THE JESUITS—NEW PLAYS AND OPERAS—THE DEBAT OF PLAYWRIGHTS.

PARIS, March 15.—A question of equal importance to that of the difference between brachydium and brachydice threatens Germany with a ministerial crisis. It is all about orthography, and Prince von Bismarck and Herr Puttkammer are the controversialists. Only the author of "Hudibras," or he of the "Secchia" rapita could do justice to this grave quarrel, which, however, I will tell of, as well as I can, promising that under the apparent futility of the subject is concealed something of real importance, another change of the Chancellor's home policy. For some time past, the newspapers and reviews of Fatherland have undertaken to introduce phonetic spelling, by the suppression of certain superfluous letters in the middle or at the end of words, and especially the h in such words as *roth, thell, &c.*, and in the *thum* of their composites. Life is too short, time too precious to be wasted over two letters when one expresses the same sound, and the Minister of Public Instruction being appealed to, gave to the innovation his official sanction, in the shape of a circular to all his subordinates, who were bidden henceforth and forever to eliminate the obnoxious letter from their communications. The 1st of April, a most appropriate date, was fixed for the execution, and great was the sorrow of publishers that their books were about to become, orthographically, old-fashioned. So they protested, and finally memorialized the Chancellor to the effect that the so-called reform was a Frenchification of the noble German language, and as such was undesirable and unpatriotic. Certainly it is, said Prince von Bismarck, who is not satisfied with his present Minister, and forthwith another circular was dispatched to all Professors, pedagogues, and functionaries, threatening severe penalties to any who should presume to comply with the Puttkammerian manual. Grave has become the embarrassment of Professors, pedagogues, and functionaries. "Under which King, Bezonian?" Whom are they to obey? The Minister is their hierarchical superior, but, the Germans know how often portfolios change hands, while the Chancellor is future. Herr Puttkammer has been ignored in the proceeded letter, retains its rights, although its would-be executioner protests, and the press asks anxiously whether he may not be forced to resign. A political crisis concerning the alphabet would be the climax of absurdity elsewhere than in Germany, but why did the Minister forget that there is an A in the middle of the Imperial Wilhelm, and that he has thus touched upon the prerogatives of the sovereign, who has always written his name in that way? Puttkammer has been inconsiderate; he might, perhaps, have made honorable amends by including an A into his own name, but Puttkammer has not quite come up to the Chancellor's views in the negotiations with the Vatican. Either he has been too yielding to the Curia or he has not been yielding enough, and Prince von Bismarck likes his servants to obey instructions to the letter in some cases, to read between the lines in others.

It seems to be the peculiar specialty of Ministers of Public Instruction to get themselves and other people into hot water. Across the Rhine they get into the frying pan, in the South of France they manage to involve their colleagues, and I am confident that M. De Freycinet would some down very handsomely to any one who would suggest a plausible pretext for turning Jules Ferry out of the Cabinet. After the first explosion of their indignation, the Radicals were inclined to "simmer down," as they discovered how difficult might be the immediate application of measures of proscription founded upon laws which, in reality, have become obsolete. One of their great legal authorities, M. Berthauld, has expressed his doubts whether the exclusion of French citizens, be they disciples of Loyola or not, from the Chamber of the Internationale can be summarily expelled from French soil, unless something else than mere affiliation to an unchartered society be alleged against them. So thinks M. Cazot, the Minister of Justice, and with him MM. De Freycinet, Magain, the Minister of Finance, Jaureguiberry, of the Navy, and Farre, of the War Department, of whom three are Protestants. But M. Ferry is ambitious to have his name connected with something striking, and so his voice is still for war, and Messrs. Lepere and Cochery, of the Interior and Post Office, pat him on the back and are encouraging. On Tuesday, perhaps, most probably, on Thursday, we shall have the Clemenceau interpellation, and then can judge better of the game, which is singularly mixed just now, as no one knows what the Jacobins will ask for or what the Government is disposed to offer. M. Lepere urges prompt action, promising to apply the old laws immediately by his own *personal*, so that France shall be cleared of every Jesuit in the course of 24 hours, which would enable the Government to reply on Tuesday that, the Augean stable having been cleansed, no fault can be found with its action. But the Government hesitates, not knowing clearly what might be the possible consequences of violence, and one very high functionary of the Interior Department has positively stated that, so far as he is concerned, he would refuse obedience. Meanwhile, the agitation is kept up in the shape of students' meetings and petitions, with neither of which can we find a single respectable name connected, while the *République Française* taunts them with their impudence and menaces with dismissal all those Senators who, although holding Government appointments, yet dared to vote according to their conscience against a bill presented by the Government which they consider a violation of liberty of conscience. *I think that it is much ado about nothing, and* that this, like a great many other burning questions, will turn out to be a mere tempest in a tea-pot, finishing by a withering yet platonic declaration from the Cabinet, and, perhaps, a vote of censure, against the Senate, by the Chambers. But Saturday's *Télégraphe*, which is known to be inspired Ministerially, hints at the possibility of all France being put under martial law, and this, although it will be imposed as a necessity, should the application of measures of expulsion be attempted, will be an acknowledgment that a French Republic cannot exist without violence. The people who run the Government machine appear to have lost their heads entirely, and the mass of the population begins to grumble that the new regime is as arbitrary as the one by which it was preceded. Why, is asked, should the *Triboulet* be prosecuted and fined (become it caricatures M. Ferry and the actor Coquelin) while any nasty sheet can turn to ridicule any one of the opposition party, even if certain things regarded by many persons as sacred be held up to derision? Last Sunday's Senatorial elections resulted in the return of two reactionaries by constituencies which were called upon to fill vacancies caused by the death of two Republicans, and there are symptoms in several other quarters of such a change in the current of public opinion as may very sensibly modify the composition of the next French Parliament. I do not think though, that this modification will be, as the Monarchists hope, in the shape of a Monarchical majority; their party or parties will increase the numbers of its representation, but the extreme Radicals will head the poll generally, and the result will be such an elimination of the moderate Republican element as will leave only the extreme factions in the field.

Turning to something more agreeable than politics, I may mention that Mme. Patti's success increases with each of her appearances on the stage of the Opéra, from which the dresses of the off-niets have been forced to adjourn into the Court of Bankruptcy, after dropping 500,000 francs in a fruitless attempt to found a theatre of "popular opera" at moderate prices. Their programmes were not so very bad, their artists quite tolerable, and in Italy or across the Rhine they would have met with patronage, but the Germans and Italians are musical by nature, and this unfortunate venture is only another proof that in France only the higher classes care for lyric art, and even they only because it is fashionable and so costly that to take a box is evidence of wealth and social position. "Aida" was to have been brought out to-night at the National Academy, but the chief baritone of that establishment, says that he is indisposed, and although Melchisedec, the second string, is quite up to the part, Signor Verdi will not risk a first representation with any other artist than Maurel. M. Keating, who is to replace the regretted Montigny at the Gymnase, and therefore wants no much leisure as possible at the rehearsals of his new piece, intrusted to the management of the other theatres, has brought him of one of his former triumphs, "La Mariolaine," which was played for the first time here in February, 1877, with a run of 117 successive nights, and always to crowded houses. Some other novelty (here it comes the hearts that sink with dismay) has been hunted out of stock and mind by a score of commonplace, good, bad, and indifferent, none of them, however, of any real merit. It is one of the best written by the author of "La Fille de Madame Angot," whose fruitful inspiration almost becomes genius in the charming duet "Des Adieux" and the couplets of the "P'tit mon." Three years ago "La Marjolaine" was all the rage; every barrel-organ played, every street ballad made its airs, and, to judge from its reception on Thursday and the number of its spectators every evening since, its revival will have as much vogue as its original production. But with Jeanne Granier in the leading part and the pretty Milly Meyer as Aveline, whose role, at first intended to be secondary, has been enlarged by Mr. Lecoq, especially to bring into notice the talent of this artist, the manager knew that he could count upon a favorable verdict. Jeanne was literally bombarded with flowers. First, a great basket of roses was carried to her on the stage, then another, quite as large, of white violets, and a third of camellias, and, finally a shower of violets poured down on her from all the proscenium boxes, to the amusement of Mme. Nilsson, who, although she applauded rapturously, remarked how strange it was to see so many flowers thrown to the *Rose* of the Renaissance, when they are so rare for that splendid artist, Mlle. Krauss, at the Opera.

M. Abraham Dreyfus has only given one set to his "Victrine," but he has condensed fun enough into it for half a dozen. Unlike most of the Palais Royal pieces, it will bear translation, as, if a broad, it is not a coarse, farce. M. Malbrousin is a bourgeois, a relative, I should think, of M. Perrichon, and, as such, tormented with a desire to do something out of the common way. He has read of nocturnal aggressions on belated pedestrians, and so, being asked what o'clock is it by an individual wearing a cap and a blouse, on the place d'Europe, knocks him down with his cane. But, says Malbrousin, "generosity is the twin sister of courage," therefore, he shoulders his victim and carries him home by way of a trophy of his courage. Here there is an explanation; the supposed malefactor is the Vicomte de Mourgay, who had been to a fancy ball given by "infectious painters," where a Zola costume was *de rigueur*, and had drank too much champagne. Malbrousin is in despair; he foresees the most terrible consequences to his exploit, and sends for his intended son-in-law, Laverberie, a stupid lawyer, who cannot take in the situation, and so loses the good graces of the old gentleman that he is kicked out ignominiously, while the charming Adèle marries the Vicomte, for whom this *mouton enragé* suddenly conceives the most violent attachment, because he had given him the chance by showing off his heroism. The other piece on the same stage, "Le Mémoire Popincourt," is droll enough, thanks to M. Daubray and Mlle. Lavigne, but the patrons of the Montparnasse Theatre want something more solid than a history of family jars between a jealous wife and a husband who had been frivolous in his younger days, and of which the best situation is where M. Popincourt, discovering that the chamber-maid is one of his ancient passions named Gudule, stops any revelations by marrying her to the dustman. Possibly one of these days the French stage may witness the revival of talent among authors, but the present playwrights seem to have exhausted their imaginations; the sauces served up are undoubtedly very high-seasoned, but the quality of the viands is certainly wretched. The Odéon will give us M. Bornier's "Attila" in a day or two, but the public has lost its taste for high-class poetical tragedies elsewhere than at the Française.

THE DIVERSIONS OF DRESDEN.

GOLDMARK'S NEW OPERA—THE QUEEN OF SHEBA COMPROMISED AND JERUSALEM'S BEST SOCIETY SCANDALIZED—GERMAN WAR TALK.

DRESDEN, March 9.—Few cities in Europe are better known to Americans, or more pleasantly remembered by them, than this quiet place, with its American quarter and its English quarter, where the new-comer does not have to overtax his incipient knowledge of German. The city is one big boarding-school, with plenty of parlor boarders. The rosy faces and queer ulsters of young English girls are continually to be seen in the streets, and the somewhat high-pitched voices of our own countrywomen are as often heard as the softer tones of their transatlantic sisters. The place is very quiet, too. It is an unusual dissipation that will keep any one out of bed later than 10:30 o'clock. When they give a ballet with the opera, they generally manage to give a dark one, like the ghostly dance in "Robert," or the evening scene in "Bianca," out of a tender regard, I suppose, to the morals of the spectators. On one occasion of late, however, the opera has made a bold stroke in a new direction. We have all heard of the Queen of Sheba. I think that in most minds she is inseparably connected with a Sunday-school book and a camel very much out of drawing. We had supposed that she, at least, the friend and guest of the wisest of men, was above the breath of slander. But hear what has come to light. A new opera by Goldmark has been brought out this Winter in the principal cities of Germany. It was given here with gorgeous scenery and beautiful costumes, and this is the plot: When Solomon sent to invite the Queen to pay him that famous visit, his messenger was a young man of a good disposition, but somewhat weak character, named Assad, who was betrothed to the very pretty daughter, of the high priest. Assad delivered his message in the very choicest Hebrew to the Queen's Chamberlain, and started on his return to Jerusalem without having been admitted to the honor of an interview with her Majesty. He had gone but a short distance when, sauntering out by himself for an afternoon stroll while his retinue were pitching the tents for their encampment, he met a lady of great beauty and engaging manners, with whom he allowed himself to fall into the very steepest sort of flirtation. On his return to Jerusalem the image of this lady was so vivid in Assad's eyes that he found it difficult to greet his fiancée, the high *priest's daughter*, with *sufficient warmth*, and Solomon, in a private talk, soon got him to tell the whole story. The wise King was not inclined to make too much of the matter, and advised Assad to forget all about his little slip and marry Salomith (for this was his fiancée's name) with all speed. What was his astonishment, however, and that of Assad, when, the Queen of Sheba having arrived shortly after, and having been induced to take off her veil, it turned out that the very lively young person whom Assad had met in the forests of Lebanon was no other than the Queen herself! On the following evening the Queen enticed Assad into a lonely garden, and, his emotions overcoming him, the young man falsetto'd in her Majesty's arms, (to very pretty music,) and was left in this immoral condition to be discovered by the whole Court. In spite of all this, the marriage proceeded. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father in the temple, (most gorgeously mounted,) but the entrance of the Queen of Sheba disturbed the bridegroom so much that he fell in a fit and had to be removed by the attendants. He was naturally supposed to be possessed of a devil, and was ordered to wander forth into the desert. In the afternoon, Solomon entertained the Queen with a very pretty ballet, and she departed in peace to her own land, while poor Assad, who never seems to have had much constitution, was overtaken by a sand storm, and died of the effects of it—or of the fright it gave him—in the arms of the faithful Salomith, who had followed him with her maidens (of the chorus.) All this shocks some good people, I am told; but as the text is written and the music composed by Jews, I don't know that Christians ought to object.

The feeling of uneasiness at the political situation is very general here I think, and extends to persons in a position to have information. A war with Russia, or a general European war, is thought to be on the cards. The official papers foster it—will toward Russia, to which the public are sufficiently inclined already. Accounts of disturbances in St. Petersburg are multiplied, and would seem to be often invented by the daily press, which is not ever enterprising in other matters. The Germans are confident of success in the expected quarrel. They talk not of what the event of the war will be, but of how they will divide the world after the victory. The Germans are not the first people who have divided the world on paper, and we may still hope that the war-clouds will blow over.

THE ADVANCE IN COAL.

The various coal companies with offices in this City issued their April circular yesterday. The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's prices are as follows: Furnace lump, $3 90, an advance of 40 cents per ton; steamer lump, grate, and egg, $4, an advance of 30 cents per ton; stove, $4, no change; chestnut, $4, an advance of 10 cents per ton. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company's prices for all grades will be $4. This will be an advance of 30 cents per ton on lump, steamboat grate, and egg, and an advance of 10 cents per ton on chestnut. Stove remains as last month. The Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company advances on lump and egg, and that only 10 cents per ton, to $4. The Lehigh Valley Coal Company also make but one advance—on free-burning stove coal, of 30 cents per ton, to $4. The Pennsylvania Coal Company have not yet issued their circular. They say they will do so in advance, but they have not yet determined how much.

THE WORK OF CRIMINALS

LAWLESSNESS IN MANY NEIGHBORHOODS.

OFFENSES AGAINST THE LAWS REPORTED YESTERDAY—PROCEEDINGS IN CRIMINAL CASES IN THE COURTS.

FORT SMITH, Ark., March 29.—Jackson Marshall, James N. Hazlett, and Uriah M. Cooper were sentenced in the United States Court this morning to be hanged on June 18. Cooper and Marshall were convicted of murder at the November term of the court, and sentence was suspended until the present term, during the pendency of motions for a new trial. Hazlett was tried at the November term of the court for the murder of his stepfather, Chancellor Lingard, near Kufaula, Ala., last June. The jury having failed to agree on a verdict, the case was continued to the present term, when he was again put on trial and convicted. When asked by the court if they had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon them, Hazlett and Marshall replied that they had not. Cooper, who was convicted of the murder of Robert Donnelly, at Atoka, Indian Territory, protested his innocence, saying that he was convicted on false testimony, and that the reason he fled from the country immediately after the killing of Donnelly was because his life was threatened by the Magees and Scotts, who did the killing.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The following telegram from Internal Revenue Collector Clark, of Atlanta, Ga., was received by Commissioner Raum today: "Have seized, since 7th inst., one wagon and two mules with eight packages of illicit whisky, and destroyed four illicit distilleries, with 4,000 gallons of mash and beer. Three of the stills have a capacity of 150 gallons each. Two prisoners were arrested."

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 29.—To-day being a holiday, there was a large number of colored persons in town. Numerous rows took place during the day between the colored citizens and students. One colored man was shot in the jaw and another through the wrist. Mayor Harris ordered the arrest of several of the disorderly persons, who were lodged in jail, and the streets were cleared of all who seemed disposed to create disturbances. The town is now quiet again.

ATAMOSA, Col., March 29.—A man named Babcock shot and fatally wounded O. P. Brown last evening, while engaged in a quarrel. Both were intoxicated.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 29.—The lower house of the General Assembly to-day passed the bill making the detention of a female of immaturate and good repute under 21 years of age, under promise of marriage, a felony. It fixes the penalty at from one to five years in a Penitentiary.

NEWTON, N. J., March 29.—Preparations for the hanging, on April 5, of Frederick Crill, for the murder of his daughter, in June last, are nearly completed at the jail-yard in Newton. The execution will be the first under the provisions of the new law of New-Jersey limiting the whole number of spectators to twenty-five. The peculiar gestures and conscious which the old man has affected since the commission of the crime, and which his counsel vainly relied upon to prove his insanity, are still kept up. He recovered his voice immediately after his sentence, and converses intelligently with those who come to see him. He affects deep piety, and sings hymns each day were the last. As the last day approaches, he, however, shows signs of weakening. On Friday he was visited by his wife and their little grandson, (son of the murdered woman,) Crill fairly went wild with joy over the little fellow, embracing and kissing him frantically, and displaying more tender feeling than he has shown at any time since his arrest.

NEW-ORLEANS, March 29.—A dispatch from Fort Davis says: "Deputy Sheriff Latham shot and killed a soldier of the Twenty-fifth U. S. Infantry last evening, while trying to arrest him. Latham claims that he used the pistol as a club, when it exploded, the ball passing through the soldier's brain. The public discredit his statement. Latham has been arrested."

PITTSBURG, Penn., March 29.—The startling disclosure was made to-day that John Goehring, a pauper from Westmoreland County, who was sent some time ago to the Insane Department of the Allegheny City Poor Farm, had been murdered by some one unknown, who broke his neck, the officers of the institution burying the body. It is alleged the killing was done by the Superintendent of the Insane Department. The Coroner is now investigating the matter.

BERMIN STRATTON, Ohio, March 29.—The trial of Stephen Crabb, for the murder of a young man named Seel, at a dance in Bainbridge, about eight months ago, has resulted in a verdict of manslaughter. The quarrel grew out of rivalry for the affections of a young lady, in which Crabb was worsted. He was knocked down by his rival, which he shot Seel, who died in his arms immediately when shot, having fled at the sight of the revolver.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—A Santa Rosa dispatch says George W. Roney was shot and killed by G. H. Hayes on Saturday night while attempting to enter the house of the latter. Letters passed between the parties, Mrs. Hayes induced Roney to make the attempt. Roney was a leading member of the Working Men's Protective Committee of Sonoma County, and delegate to the Working Men's State Convention held last Summer.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 29.—Another cold-blooded murder was committed here last night. James Burns, a negro recently from Mississippi, beat and abused his wife, and she left him about three weeks ago. Since then he has made several attempts to induce her to return to him, but she refused. Last night he went to the house where she was employed as a servant and shot her through the window, inflicting a wound which caused her death this afternoon. The murderer was arrested this evening, just as he was leaving here on a steamer for Vicksburg.

NORTHPORT, Mich., March 29.—The insane wife of Adam Dagenhalb, a middle-aged farmer, residing a few miles from here, disappeared some time ago. Recently the neighbors became suspicious, and to-day instituted a search. They began by reopening a well on the farm which had been recently filled in, and while so engaged, Dagenhalb disappeared. After a search, he was found dead in his house, with his throat cut from ear to ear. When the well was finally opened, the body of the woman was found with her throat also cut. No reason for the murder is known, unless it is that Dagenhalb became tired of his wife's infirmity.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 29.—The body of Amos Whitney was found in a ravine near Greenville, Ky., on Friday, with his head cut off, and near by lay his own axe, with which the act was done. His employer, a man named Tuley, and a friend named Baugh have been arrested on suspicion.

CAUSING TROUBLE IN MEXICO.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 20.—A Spanish organ, the *Voz de Espana*, has created a great sensation by bitterly denouncing the Mexican Government and people, accusing the latter of assassinating Spaniards on various occasions with impunity. The same journal ridicules the idea that by Gen. Grant's influence an American protectorate might be established.

The majority of the Mexican press supports Gen. Gonzalez for the Presidency. It is generally believed that he will carry the election and be peacefully inaugurated. All the cliques attack President Diaz. They are apparently vexed at the impartial course of the President, which furnishes no pretext or excuse for another revolution. The political supporters of Señor Zamacona as a candidate for the Presidency have met for the purpose of adopting a programme.

The Apaches driven from United States territory have re-entered Chihuahua.

A frontier paper accuses the American Government of selling to American citizens lands which lie beyond the boundary line and within the limits of the State of Sonora.

OBITUARY NOTES.

John Nugent, former editor and proprietor of the San Francisco *Herald*, died at San Leandro, Cal., yesterday morning.

Richard Van Rensselaer, 83 years of age, the last member of the old Patroon's family and President of the Merchants' National Bank of Albany, died suddenly last evening.

A cable dispatch from Paris announces the death of Gillaume Philippe Schimper, the eminent French naturalist, at the age of 72. He was born at Dossenheim, Alsace, where his father was Pastor of the Lutheran Church. After taking a course of theology at Strasburg, he changed his mind with regard to entering the ministry, and obtained a place in the Museum of Natural History in that city. He became Director of the museum in 1828, taking subsequently, the chair of mineralogy and geology. In 1854 he was elected a correspondent of the Academy of Sciences. He was also a member of the Legion of Honor. Of M. Schimper's numerous works many are highly esteemed. His *chef d'œuvre* was the "Bryologia Europea," or the "Genera of the European Mosses," written in conjunction with MM. Bruch and Gumbel, and comprised 66 volumes, with more than 600 engravings.

AID FOR THE ARKANSAS REFUGEES.

Donations of food, clothing, and money, intended for the unfortunate colored refugees from Arkansas, will be received by the following persons, who alone are authorized to act for the General Committee, of which F. C. Lawson is President, and the Rev. Abner Anderson is the Treasurer: Rev. H. H. Garnett, D. D., No. 167 West Twenty-sixth-street; Rev. William L. Dickerson, No. 218 Sullivan-street; Mr. Peter S. Porter, No. 252 West Twenty-sixth-street; Rev. R. W. Wisher, No. 202 West Thirty-seventh-street; Rev. James H. Cook, No. 1,640 Second-avenue. The committee warns the public to be on its guard against bogus subscription agents.

THE BROOKLYN ALDERMEN.

The Brooklyn Board of Aldermen met yesterday, but transacted very little business of importance. The Mayor vetoed a resolution passed some time ago authorizing the drawing of a new map of the city. Mr. Howell also vetoed the bill to authorize the payment of the bill of Messrs. Pryor and Irwin, who acted as counsel for the city in the matter of the mandamus prosecuted at the instance of the Mayor, directing the Common Council to order a special election for Aldermen in the Twelfth Ward. A resolution calling for a reduction in the rents paid by the city for Police stations and District Courts was referred to the Committee on Lands and Buildings. The Corporation Counsel was instructed to sue R. B. Wood & Co. of Philadelphia, for failing to deliver a consignment of iron pipe contracted for by the Board of City Works. The firm claim that iron has gone up since the contract was made, and that, as no time was fixed for the delivery, they cannot be forced to fulfill the contract at any time now specified.

THE HOTCHKISS REVOLVING GUN.

A FORMIDABLE WEAPON FOR NAVAL OR LAND USE—ITS UTILITY PROVED BY EXPERIMENT.

From the London Standard.

Experiments with machine-guns are now in progress both at Portsmouth and Shoeburyness, a fact which serves to show the importance attributed to that particular kind of arm, as also the possibility that England is not yet possessed of the most efficient weapon of this class. One particular form of the machine-gun which has found considerable favor abroad, and is now commanding renewed attention at home, is that which bears the name of Mr. Hotchkiss, and is usually designated the Hotchkiss revolving cannon. This weapon is distinguished from a mitrailleuse by the circumstance that it fires explosive bullets or small shells, and has a range approaching that of modern field artillery. Its penetrative power against thin steel plates, such as are designed to protect torpedo boats, gives it an especial value. To such an extent is this carried in the Hotchkiss gun that the new rapid steel cruisers and dispatch vessels now being built are considered into the British and other navies will not be able to keep out the projectiles of this seemingly insignificant weapon. The form of gun employed for this purpose has a calibre slightly less than two inches, and discharges either a steel shot or a shell weighing nearly two pounds and a half, with a bursting charge of an ounce and a half. Its projectiles are capable of piercing steel plates nearly an inch thick, at a distance of more than a mile. The rate of fire would be about 20 carefully-aimed shots per minute, increased to 60 rounds when the object to be hit was near at hand. The gun is in fact, a small rapidly-firing cannon. A still larger weapon has been constructed, having a calibre slightly exceeding two inches, and firing 30 rounds per minute, the weight of the shell being 4 pounds, and the initial velocity 1,500 feet per second. The former weapon, firing the projectile of two pounds and a half, was made at the request of the French naval authorities, and successful trials are now being carried on with it. The larger weapon, specimens of the Hotchkiss gun fire as yet exceptional. The type most extensively adopted is one with a calibre of an inch and a half, firing an explosive projectile weighing a pound, with an initial velocity of 1,400 feet per second, or a steel shot nearly one-third heavier, with a velocity of about 1,200 feet. This gun is mounted on a swivel, with a species of universal joint, and is trained and worked from the shoulder by one man, a second man at the side being employed in feeding the gun with cartridges. So satisfied are the French as to the value of this weapon, that they have already more than 300 of this pattern afloat in their Navy, and the number is undergoing rapid increase from the Hotchkiss factory at St. Denis. Each of their larger ships will be equipped with at least 10 of these guns, probably fitting four both along the bulwarks and in the maintops, to which the guns may be readily shifted as required, so as to concentrate the fire in any given direction. The maximum rapidity of fire with this gun is about 30 rounds per minute, but where accurate shooting is required the rate would be from 20 to 30 rounds per minute. Experiments made with this weapon in England, France, and Austria show that its projectile is capable of penetrating the steel plating of torpedo vessels of the lighting class at a range exceeding 2,700 yards when striking full, or about 2,000 yards if striking at an angle of 30°. The steel shot will penetrate a steel plate an inch thick at rather more than 200 yards. The French experiments showed that steel plates a quarter of an inch thick were penetrated by the percussion shell at a distance of 2,000 yards. Some valuable experiments as to the accuracy of fire with this gun have recently been made in Holland, and the results were deemed to be thoroughly conclusive as to the efficiency of the gun in encountering torpedo-boats, however swiftly the latter might make their approach.

The Hotchkiss revolving cannon, in its general form, is known to be a barrel made of Whitworth fluid-compressed steel. These barrels are grouped round a common axis, and are made to revolve in front of a solid, immovable breech-block. This block has an opening in the upper part to receive the cartridges, and an opening underneath for the exit of the empty cartridge cases, which are thrown out by means of an automatic extractor. The cartridges are fired singly as they present themselves by the rotation of the barrels to the blow of the firing-pin, and while resting for an instant motionless in front of the solid portion of the breech. The turning of a crank causes the automatic loading, firing, and extraction of the empty cartridge cases. The metallic casing of the cartridge prevents the escape of powder gas at the breech. The motion of the barrels is obtained by means of a single only one spring in the entire machine—namely, that which projects the firing-pin into the cartridge. The barrels are rifled on the polygroove system, and the arrangement by which the barrels are at rest just before the cartridge is fired permits the gunner to take accurate aim, while at the same time he continues to turn the crank. An extraordinary form of the weapon has been devised for flanking the ditches of modern fortifications, and has been tried in France with remarkable results. This gun is specially constructed to fire canister shot as well as explosive projectiles. Each of the five barrels composing the gun has a different pitch for its rifling. The result is that the cone of dispersion in which the bullets distribute themselves varies, and a dense hail of missiles sweeps along the works, no spot being missed. Thus in one minute, out of 300 dummy soldiers, all but three were hit, the ditch being swept by more than 1,800 bullets, firing at every possible angle. To military men, therefore, as well as to the naval service, the revolving cannon may be reckoned to possess more than ordinary interest. In the United States considerable attention has been given to the Hotchkiss gun in its form as a field-piece, and a formidable weapon of an inch and a half calibre has already been adopted in the service.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Countess de Lesseps is at the Windsor Hotel.

Gen. Alfred H. Terry, United States Army, is at the Sturtevant House.

William Henry Trescot, of South Carolina, is at the Brevoort House.

The Hon. L. F. S. Foster, of Connecticut, is at the Everett House.

Ex-Gov. Hiland Hall, of Vermont, is at the Sucklingham Hotel.

Count von Beust, Secretary of the German Legation at Washington, is at the Hotel Brunswick.

Prof. W. I. Knapp, of Yale College, and R. R. Bridgers, President of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

President and Mrs. Hayes, the Hon. Alexander Ramsey, Secretary of War; George W. Childs, of Philadelphia; Gen. Albert J. Myer, United States Army; Congressman Jay A. Hubbell, of Michigan, Col. William Goddard, of Rhode Island, and R. Platt Carpenter, of Poughkeepsie, are at the Fifth-Avenue Hotel.

JOHN A. MERRITT'S ESTATE.

Yesterday morning, before Owen T. Coffin, Surrogate of the County of Westchester, the final accounting in the estate of the late John A. Merritt, of Port Chester, who died intestate, was made and the papers filed, one week from Wednesday being the day fixed upon for the entering of the decree. All the parties interested were satisfied with the accounting, which is as follows:

Amount of the estate remaining in our hands at the date of former accounting	$1,044,827 17
Increase by investments, interest, &c.	150,559 68
Total	$1,195,386 85

They credit themselves as follows:

Amount of losses and debts not collected	$30,922 67	
Expenses of Administrators, &c.	90,071 58	
Debts and claims paid	48,625 49	
Payments to next of kin	860,000 00	$1,029,620 74

—Leaving a balance of $165,856 11 in the Administrators' hands for distribution among the next of kin, subject to their commissions and the expenses of this accounting.

LAWS AGAINST JESUITS.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

The laws in force in France against the Jesuits, which the Radicals talk of invoking if the Senate persists in its rejection of the seventh article, are numerous and rigorous enough. First of all, we have the decisions of the Parliament of Paris of 1762, in which the Jesuits were accused of every crime under the sun, and ordered to evacuate their colleges and other establishments within a week. In 1764, the Parliament pronounced the definitive suppression of the order, the King declaring it to be his pleasure that the Jesuits should have no place in his kingdom or possessions. In 1767 the Parliament pronounced an order of expulsion against the Jesuits individually, and in 1777 Louis XVI. issued an edict more severe than any which had preceded it. In 1790 the Constituant Assembly suppressed all the monastic orders, and in 1792 all the religious corporations were suppressed. By the Concordats of the Year X. some modification was consented to; but no aggregation or association of men or women could be formed under the pretext of religion without the special authorization of the Government. To prove that these decrees and decisions are still in vigor we have only to look at the declarations of the tribunals of the present century. For example, in 1826 the Court of Douai decided a case against the Jesuits on the ground that they had been banished in 1764 and could not inherit, and this decision was confirmed by the highest court in the realm under the monarchy. In the same year all the courts of Paris assembled, and declared, by 53 judges against 2, that the above-mentioned edicts were still in force. In 1828, a petition to the Chamber of Deputies invoked the edicts of Louis XV. and and Louis XVI. against the Jesuits, and a report in favor of this was carried by a large majority. In 1845, M. Guizot wrote to M. Rossi, the French Ambassador at Rome, complaining that the Jesuits, whose order had been specially abolished in France, had been allowed to take the payment of the bill of exchange, contrary to the laws of the State in May of the same year, on an interpellation by M. Thiers, the decrees against the Jesuits were confirmed by an immense majority, and the Chamber, confident that the Government would see the laws of the State executed, passed to the order of the day.

GENERAL TELEGRAPH NEWS

DISASTERS TO VESSELS.

THE SILESIA TOWED INTO QUEENSTOWN WITH A BROKEN SHAFT—ACCIDENTS ALONG THE COAST.

LONDON, March 29.—The Hamburg-American Line steam-ship Silesia, Capt. Ludwig, from New-York, March 13, for Hamburg, has been towed into Queenstown by the Belgian steamer Vaderland. The Silesia's main shaft is broken. The Vaderland, which was on her trip from Antwerp to Philadelphia, found the Silesia in her disabled condition, on March 24.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., March 29.—The schooner Joseph Farwell, of and from Rockland, for Charleston, with a cargo of lime, ran ashore in a storm last night at the south end of Oak Bluffs. She remains aight, and will get off when the weather clears.

The schooner Aldana Baker, of Rockland, Philadelphia for Bath, with coal, sailed her cargo and sprung a leak in the north-easterly gale of March 24 and 25, and sank on the morning of March 26, 60 miles from Cape Cod. The crew took to the boats, and, after three hours of exposure, fell in with the schooner George E. Ferguson, from Belfast, for New-York, who took them on board and brought them to this port. A seaman, name unknown, died before the crew left the vessel, and another seaman was in the vessel's rigg, which was at first fast to the vessel, but the rigging parted and she became separated. When the gig was last seen afloat she was far astern. The mate's wife, Mrs. J. L. Rhodes, was on board the Baker, and was saved with the crew. The vessel sank just as the boats got away. Nothing was saved.

NANTUCKET, Mass., March 29.—The schooner West Wind, of Philadelphia, came ashore on the east end of this island yesterday, and was found to be abandoned. The fate of the crew is unknown. Her papers were found on board.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., March 29.—At West Sandwich, the schooner Frank Sawyer, from Machias, for New-York, with a load of laths, went ashore at 5 A. M., yesterday, and will probably prove a total loss. The crew was saved.

BOSTON, March 29.—The schooner Lucy Lee Ingalls, from Weehawken, for Boston, went ashore March 27, at 7:30 P. M., on Hardhat's Ledge, and is a total loss. The crew was saved.

SQUAN BEACH, N. J., March 29.—The Coast Wrecking Company placed four pumps on board the schooner Five Sisters yesterday, to keep her free of water, with little success. She lies deeply sculled in the sand, with a velocity of 6 knots an hour. The chances of floating her are diminishing.

EAST TRENTON, N. J., March 29.—The tug Euclid, before reported sunk at the head of Rahway Creek, has been raised. She was freed of water by 9 P. M., after which she was taken in tow to the city. The hull is one hole heavy, no holes having been found in her bottom.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., March 29.—The steamer Strathclyde, from Barrow, is reported aground above Chester. She went on at 7:30 this morning, and expects to get off at high water this evening.

BOSTON, March 29.—The bark Will-Blast Owen, Capt. Brown, from Rouen Jan. 25, for New-York, by way of Workington, England, heretofore reported overdue, arrived in Hampton Roads Saturday evening. The bark left Rouen Harbor on Jan. 26 for Workington, where she was to have taken her cargo of coal for Boston. Soon after leaving port the second mate and four of the crew were taken sick, and while the short-handed a heavy gale was encountered, which lasted 10 days, during which time the bark lost two lower topsails, a mainsail, a fore-topsail, and a jibboom, and had her rudder head. Before the damage could be repaired the vessel drifted into the Bay of Biscay, 26 days after leaving Rouen. Owing to the heavy easterly gales which prevailed, and the crippled condition of the vessel, it was determined to make for some port in the United States. Heavy weather was experienced during the entire voyage.

A man named Richard Henry Williamson arrived here this morning, and reports himself one of a party of 10, picked up at sea from the ship Tasmanian. The ship Tasmanian, Capt. Burgess, left Pensacola on March 3, with timber, for Liverpool. On the night of the 6th the ship was cast away south of Bahama during a storm, and the crew took to the boats. The boat containing myself and nine companions was picked up the next day by the schooner Hattie, and taken to James River. We landed at Burwell's Bay last Friday. I walked to Smithfield, and thence to Portsmouth, where I arrived Saturday night." Williamson shipped this morning on the British bark Minnie Carmichael, bound for Liverpool.

LISBON, March 29.—The Norwegian bark Alfen, Capt. Pedersen, at this port from Philadelphia, landed the crew of the British bark Star of the West, which was reported abandoned at sea. The Star of the West sailed from New-York on Feb. 29, for Dublin.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, March 29.—The schooner Samuel, Capt. Hurst, sailed from Louisburg at 8 A. M., March 9, with a cargo of coal. At 8:15 P. M. the same day, while trying to make the harbor of Canso, she ran ashore on Black Ledge. The night was dark and the sea, which was high, soon made a clean sweep over the vessel. The boat was launched with difficulty, and the crew reached Cranberry Island. The vessel and cargo are a total loss. The Samuel was 54 tons register, built at Cranberry Island, and was owned by her master, Capt. Ira Hurst, of Prince Edward Island. The cargo was shipped by the Cape Breton Company for D. McDonald, of this city.

SHERWYPORT, L., March 29.—The steamer Trout, with a cargo of 132 bales of cotton and 350 sacks of cottonseed, was destroyed by fire to-day. No lives were lost. The boat and cargo were valued at $20,000.

The steamer Rose City struck a snag 70 miles above Fulton, on

CHRONIC DISEASES

OF THE

Liver, Blood, and Lungs.

SHOWING THEIR TRUE NATURE, RATIONAL TREATMENT, AND POSITIVE CURE.

By R. V. PIERCE, M. D.,

Author of the "People's Common Sense Medical Adviser," (over 900 Pages, nearly 300 Illustrations,) and Founder of the World's Dispensary and Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., with branch at Great Russell-Street Buildings, London, Eng.

NEW HOPE FOR THE AFFLICTED.

The writer desires to profane the consideration of the diseases mentioned at the head of this article by saying that the truthfulness of the new and common sense theories which he is about to advance has been confirmed by a vast experience, embracing the successful treatment of thousands of cases at the largest private sanitarium in the world, and he therefore promulgates his views without fear of their being successfully controverted. He has discovered that to a congested, torpid, and disease-d liver can be traced many diseases of diverse symptoms, and affecting various organs. Many of these diseases are usually treated as if primary affections, both physician and patient being doomed to disappointment in an utter lack of favorable results; for to treat a disease successfully we must have a clear conception of its true nature.

LIVER DISEASE.

The liver is the largest gland in the human system. It is the great purifying organ of the system, and has very appropriately been termed the "housekeeper" of our health. I have observed in the dissecting-room, and also in making post-mortem examinations of the bodies of those who have died of different diseases, that in a large proportion of cases the liver has given evidence of having at some time been diseased. Liver affections are usually prevalent in beasts. Every butcher knows that the livers of cattle, sheep, and swine are ten times as frequently diseased as any other organ. The importance of the liver as a blood-purifying and excretory organ cannot be overestimated.

The foul matter absorbed from the various tissues, and taken into the blood is absorbed therefrom by a healthy liver and converted into bile. When the liver becomes torpid or congested, it fails to eliminate this vast amount of noxious matter, which, therefore remains to poison the blood and be conveyed to every part of the system. Nature tries to work off this poison through other channels, and we have Nasal Catarrh, Bronchitis, —but these organs become overtaxed in performing this labor, in addition to their natural functions, and cannot long withstand the pressure, but become rationally diseased.

Diseases Caused by Clogged or Torpid Liver.

CONSUMPTION.

The bile-poisoned blood passes from the upper and right cavity of the heart to the lower cavity, thence directly to the lungs, through pulmonary artery, ramifying the most delicate organs. The tissues of the lungs are poisoned and irritated, and invite theserofulous humor with which the blood is burdened by being thus irritated. In this way consumption is fastened upon the lungs, so declared by all the most scientific authors, to be established.

BRONCHITIS.

The bile-poisoned blood is in a measure oxygenated and purified in passing through the lungs; but in this effort these organs are overworked and irritated, and the foul blood-poison may be smelled in the man's offensive breath. Nervous cough, bronchitis, and consumption itself may be natural results. The lungs would not have become diseased had the liver done its duty by excreting the bile.

ASTHMA.

This spasmodic and distressing malady is generally the result of reflex nervous action, produced by impure blood—the indirect result, in other words, of improper or performed function on the part of the liver.

HEART DISEASE.

The blood surcharged with the daily accumulated excess of bile unduly stimulates the nerves of the heart, and if this cause be long continued it produces chronic irritation, inflammation, enlargement, and morbid nutrition of that organ, developing many forms of heart disease.

KIDNEY DISEASE.

The impure blood, which a torpid liver fails to purify, affects not only the heart and lungs, but other important organs. In its circulation it passes from the lungs back to the upper left cavity of the heart, thence to the lower cavity, and thence through the arteries and capillaries of the kidneys, which cause it to cease to flow. The kidneys are among the most important of those organs, furnishing, as they do, an important excretion—that of the urine. These organs become diseased, being congested by the presence of bile-poisoned blood, and BRIGHT'S DISEASE, DIABETES, and kindred affections result. The urine becomes scanty, high-colored, and at times loaded, with red deposits, or other disorganized products, which produce irritation and INFLAMMATION of the BLADDER, thus adding another malady to the already lengthy catalogue of ailments.

SICK HEADACHE.

The brain, which is the great electrical centre of all vitality, is unduly stimulated by the bile-poisoned blood which passes to it from the heart, and it fails to perform its office healthfully. Hence dullness, dizziness, sick-headache (really only another name for bilious headache) in aspect like the subject, but in effect like, impairment of memory, sleepy or nervous feelings, gloomy forebodings, and irritability of temper.

SKIN DISEASES.

The blood poison, not being worked off by the liver, accumulates, and filtering through the skin becomes so acrid as to irritate the delicate tissues, causing pimples, scaly incrustations, lumps, inflamed patches, acne, impetigo, prurigo, psoriasis, salt-rheum, tetter; or, becoming a fluid, it may collect as a poison pus in cells, sols, carbuncles, blotch, or old sores that are difficult to heal.

DYSPEPSIA AND COSTIVENESS.

The stomach and bowels cannot escape becoming affected, because the liver, secreting bile, causes drowsy, dyspeptic, diarrhea, and many other forms of chronic disease are among the necessary results.

SCROFULOUS DISEASES.

A long series of diseases, commonly known as scrofulous, is caused by torpor of the liver—the want of proper excretion of the elements of bile, and its consequent retention in the blood. These cause swellings about the neck, enlarged tonsils, scrofulous sore eyes, running ulcers, discharges from the ears, cataract or films, fever-sores, white swellings, hip-joint disease, ulceration of bones, internal swellings, ulcerations of the liver, kidneys, and uterus, and other maladies too numerous to mention.

MALARIOUS POISONS

are ejected from the blood, into which they are absorbed from the atmosphere taken into the lungs, through the liver, when this organ is in good condition, and when it fails in such performance then the system suffers from chills, fever, dumb ague, congestive chills, and other phases of malarial poisoning.

SYMPTOMS.

The symptoms of liver disease and its resultant affections may differ according to the circumstances, aptitude, predisposition, age, or constitution of the individual, as the complications of the disease. Not unfrequently the complexion becomes pale and sallow, and there is pain under the eyes, bilious or sick headache, bitter taste in the mouth, with coated tongue, or the tongue with a brown fur, hacking cough, fever, restlessness, sometimes an unnatural greasy appearance of the skin, at others it is dry and harsh, has scaly or branny eruptions, pimples, dark spots, and blotches, and itching. The urine is frequently scanty and high-colored, but variable as to quantity and appearance. It often produces a nodding pressure, when voided, and is allowed to stand deposits a sediment which sometimes contains albumen. There is depression of spirits and a decided tendency to be discouraged and low-spirited. The functional powers of the stomach are impaired, there is loss of appetite, or it becomes capricious, uneasiness is felt in the region of the stomach, oppression, sometimes nausea and waterbrash, or there is fullness, distension, and pain after eating; the bowels become irregular, usually constipated, and occasionally subject to obstinate diarrhea and attended with griping pains; the whole system is high-strung, sometimes hard and dark, again pale and very offensive. During the day the circulation is sluggish, the feet and hands are cold, but at night the pulse is accelerated, and the palms of the hands and the soles of the feet have a burning sensation. The foregoing symptoms are not all present in one case, nor are any two cases alike in every respect. They vary according to the organs most implicated in the derangement.

RATIONAL TREATMENT.

We appeal to the reader's reason, if it is not fair to suppose that the whole list of maladies that can be logically and demonstratively traced to their primary and real causes should not be cured by the application of remedies in such manner as to remove the cause? In recent years, it has been shown how biliary poisons, which in health are removed from the blood and system through the functional office of the liver, if retained, become active living ferments, generating a great variety of diseases, the symptoms, innumerable skin diseases, ulcers, scrofulous sores and swellings, and lingering and grave lung diseases, such as pleurisy, bronchitis, consumption, bleeding diseases, dyspepsia, costiveness, ague, chills and fever, and many other serious affections. All these several divisions of maladies are many times more numerous than is ordinarily realized by students and dispensing different classes of remedies, according to the peculiar theory of the "school" or individual practitioner. The writer, nevertheless, considers that the attention of the medical profession, for all the diseases named in this article can be most successfully treated, by uniform means addressed to the liver, and he bases this opinion upon long experience in the treatment of the largest sanitarium in the world, and while his reputation as a physician rests the assertion that these diseases can be and are cured by a judicious use of the blood-purifying Golden Medical Discovery. The active medicinal properties of this most efficient alterative are known of all the diseases of medicine are extracted and concentrated in Golden Medical Discovery, which acts specifically upon the liver, and through that organ upon the blood, purifying the latter.

GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY

does not debilitate the liver by over-stimulation, nor irritate the stomach and bowels by disturbing the delicate processes of digestion; it does not do it with violence, but it does do it by its mild, yet sure, influence, and yet with as much celerity, that if or after the surplus and stimulant of all who use it.

In the vocabulary of the medical profession, organic and processes, which expectorate the impurity of lungs and materially from the system, is marked. If, however, the bowels be unusually sluggish, (chronic constipation,) it would be advisable in conjunction with the Discovery, to use

PLEASANT PURGATIVE PELLETS,

which act powerfully, alterative, besides being mild, gentle, and unobtrusive in their operation. They are the natural allies and essential ministrants of the Discovery, and have proved invaluable. These pellets should be taken in small doses, and their use persistently continued until the bowels are properly regulated.

People who are habitually subject to "bilious" attacks, should keep the bowels in good order, and know that a purgative of the Discovery and Pellets furnishes immunity from such causes, and prevents their usual recurrence. Then these remedies are preventive as well as curative. Discovery and Pellets can be purchased of all druggists, in half-dollar or dollar sizes, or greatly reduced in price, in quantities of the former, by calling addressed to the "Common Sense Medical Adviser," (1,000 pages, 300 illustrations, bound in cloth,) price, $1.50, post-paid. Address WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Buffalo, N. Y.

LIVER COMPLAINT CURED.—PARK HILL, Ontario.—R. V. PIERCE, M. D.: Dear Sir: I was taken with a pain in my side and under my shoulder-blade some eight years ago. When I would lie down at night the pain would so stitch me I would have to get up and walk about so that my husband would have to raise me up. I was attended by our family physician for five years. He called it "liver complaint." I found no relief. In May, 1876, I commenced taking your Golden Medical Discovery, according to directions. The first effect it had was I could sleep, and I gained some pounds in weight each month. Three bottles of Golden Medical Discovery, and an equal number of vials of Pellets cured me in sound health.

I never had better health in my life than I have now, and I would advise every person with pain as I have described, or brown blotches on the forehead, to take the Golden Medical Discovery with Pellets. I remain your sincere friend. MRS. EMILY JACKSON.

LIVER COMPLAINT AND CONSUMPTION.—R. V. PIERCE, M. D.: Dear Sir: Your Golden Medical Discovery has cured me of a disease of the liver, accompanied with terrible bilious or sick headaches, after I had tried three doctors and spent over $100 in patent medicines. Several other remarkable cures have been accomplished by them; one Miss Gaggiff, of liver complaint, which she had for years, pronounced by her family, Mrs. Randolph, of consumption, when very sick. May God prolong your life and meet useful work, is the prayer of your friend. MRS. M. A. HUMOLD, Edina, Mo.

LIVER AND KIDNEY DISEASE.—R. V. PIERCE: Dear Sir: Some three months ago I was in a very low state of health with disease of the liver and kidneys. My physicians told me that medicines would do no good. Which was to be my last, I brought me one of your pamphlets. I read it and came to the conclusion that your Golden Medical Discovery and Pellets were the very things I needed. I sent to the drug store and got them and took them according to directions, and in six weeks I was as well as I ever was. I had the rheumatism for forty years, and since taking your medicines I have not felt a single pain. It is the best medicine in the world. Respectfully, U. S. CALLOWAY, Jackson, Tenn.

LIVER COMPLAINT.—Dr. R. V. PIERCE: Dear Sir: My mother suffered from disease of the liver for two years. She was unable to walk across the room and suffered greatly. With a few bottles of your Golden Medical Discovery and Pellets she was perfectly cured. The other day she walked a mile to her daughter's on a visit. Yours truly, S. S. FERRELL, Canfield, Ohio.

CONSUMPTION, DISEASED LIVER, ULCERS.—R. V. PIERCE, M. D.: Dear Sir: I was down with consumption and some disease of the liver, as I had terrible pain under the ribs, and an enlargement of the right side in the same region. I was treated for a long time by two of the best physicians in Illinois without benefit, both giving me up to die. As a last resort I commenced using your Golden Medical Discovery and Pellets. To my astonishment I commenced to improve, and am now perfectly well, after taking some nine bottles. I am now a wonder, as no one thought I could live. I was afflicted some eight years, and I had about 40 ulcers come out on various parts of my body. They are now fully and firmly healed. Gratefully yours,

MARY E. CUMMINGS, Carlinville, Ill.

LIVER COMPLAINT.—Dr. R. V. PIERCE: Dear Sir: I recommended your Golden Medical Discovery to a neighbor of mine, a man who was suffering from the "liver complaint." She had begun to believe that nothing could cure her. She had been under the treatment of three doctors, who could do nothing for her. By the use of six bottles she was entirely cured. Her health has since been perfect. Yours truly,

W. JACOBS, Cockeeton, Ohio.

ENLARGED LIVER, CATARRH, SCROFULA.—Dr. R. V. Pierce: Dear Sir: As the lady recommended your medicine, I was attacked with Ague, which resulted in an enlargement of the liver, constant constipation, loss of appetite, catarrh, and sore throat. I had a long gathering in my left side, which proved almost to another illness. I lived in this way, a perfect wreck of humanity, for twenty-eight years, trying physician after physician without receiving any benefit whatever. My husband became persuaded of the value of your medicines, and I was induced to try your Golden Medical Discovery, and to my astonishment and pleasure I began rapidly to improve. My skin, which was before covered with branlike scales, soon became as smooth and soft as that of a child. By using the Catarrh Remedy and Pellets also, I found myself at the end of three months perfectly sound and well, a wonder to myself and friends.

HESTER LACKEY, Yanktown, Ohio.

DISEASED LIVER.—Dr. R. V. PIERCE: Dear Sir: My trouble, a most obstinate and complicated one of the liver, lungs, and stomach, resisted the efforts of all the physicians I have consulted, has been entirely relieved by a few bottles of your Golden Medical Discovery and Pellets. Yours truly, G. H. HAYES, Brooklyn, N. Y.

LIVER COMPLAINT.—West Bank Mouth, Wis.—R. V. Pierce, M. D.: Dear Sir: Having long suffered from liver complaint, I was induced to try your Golden Medical Discovery and Pellets. At the time I was scarcely able to walk, owing to their effect I am now as well and strong as ever. I thank you from the depth of my heart. MRS. S. STAGNES.

LIVER COMPLAINT.—St. Cloud House, Chicago, Ill.—R. V. Pierce, M. D.: Dear Doctor: I have been using your Golden Medical Discovery and Pellets for liver complaint and general debility. It is impossible to express the gratitude I feel. It is simply wonderful the effect your medicines have had on me. Yours gratefully, J. C. DAVIDSON.

CURES FEVER AND AGUE.—PLEASANT VALLEY, Jo Daviess Co., Ill.—Dr. PIERCE, Buffalo, N. Y.: Dear Sir: My child has been permanently cured of fever and ague in a week's time, and the use of but half a bottle of your Medical Discovery. My wife, who has had fever from liver complaint and biliousness, by the use of the Discovery and Pellets has been entirely relieved. The Discovery has never disappointed us in coughs or colds. Yours truly, JAMES STRICKLAND.

BLOOD DISEASES.

Medical authors describe about fifty varieties of skin disease, but as they all require for their cure very similar treatment, it is of no practical use to know just what name to apply to each particular form of skin disease, or know how to cure it. We might describe various kinds of scrofulous sores, fever sores, white swellings, enlarged glands, and sleeps of varying appearance; might describe the various forms of blotches, eruptions, and diseases of the skin, which result from a vitiated blood poison, may show lands in various forms of eruptions, ulcers, sore throat, bony tumors, &c., but as all these various appearing manifestations of bad blood are cured by a uniform means, we deem it more a course unnecessary. Thoroughly cleanse the blood, which is the great fountain of life, and good digestion, a fair skin, buoyant spirits, vital strength, and soundness of constitution will all return to us.

We have shown how the Liver is the great blood-cleansing organ of the system. Set the great "housekeeper" to work, and the foul corruptions which accumulate in the blood, and rot out as it were, the machinery of life, are gradually expelled from the system. We have already shown that for this purpose Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and Dr. Pierce's Purgative Pellets are, par excellence, the articles needed. They cure every kind of humor, from the worst scrofula to the common pimple, blotch, or eruption. Great salving sores kindly heal under their mighty, curative influence. Virulent blood-poison is robbed of its terrors, and by their preservering and somewhat protracted use, the most tainted system may be completely renovated and built up anew.

Enlarged glands, tumors, and swellings dwindle away and disappear under the influence of these great resolvents. The system being put under their influence for a few weeks, the skin becomes smooth, clear, soft, and velvety.

The effects of all medicines which operate upon the system through the medium of the blood are necessarily somewhat slow, no matter how good the remedy employed. While one to three bottles of Discovery and Pellets will clear the skin of pimples, a dozen or even two dozen bottles may be required to cure some cases where the system is almost rotten with scrofulous or syphilitic poisons. The cure of these diseases, however, from the common pimple to the worst scrofula, is, with the use of these most potent agents, only a matter of time.

YOU CAN SAVE LARGELY

if you will buy the Discovery and Pellets by the half dozen or dozen bottles. In many of the blood diseases mentioned above the amount of medicine will be necessary to effect a perfect cure and leave the system thoroughly purified and strengthened.

SCROFULA.—R. V. Pierce, M. D.: Dear Sir: My son, who has been suffering from extensive ulcerations on his neck and shoulders, has commenced to improve upon using the Golden Medical Discovery. They are now entirely healed, and he is in robust health. I am, your friend, MOSES CHANDLER, L. S. SMITH, Chester, Penn.

FACE SWOLLEN OUT OF SHAPE CURED.—Dr. Pierce, Ill.—R. V. Pierce, M. D., Buffalo, N. Y.: I wish to add my testimony to the wonderful curative properties of your Alt. Ext., or Golden Medical Discovery. I have used it in my family for years, and find it the best alterative medicine we know of. My little boy, when two years old, was afflicted with dyspepsia, liver diseased, and an almost perfect prostration of the nervous system. He rapidly and complete did the Discovery effect a perfect cure that it seemed more like magic, and was a source of wonder to myself, and since that time we have never been without a bottle of the Discovery and Purgative Pellets in the house. They are a solid sound family physician in the house, and ready at all times to fly to the relief of sickness—without charge. We have never had a doctor in the house since we first began the use of your Pellets and Discovery. I have recommended the use of these medicines in several severe and aggravated cases arising from, as I thought, an impure state of the blood, and in no one case have they failed to more than accomplish all they are claimed to do. I will only mention one as remarkable (though I could give you dozens.) Henry Koster, furniture-dealer, of this place, who was one of the most pitiful objects ever seen, his face swollen out of shape, scales and eruptions without end, scaling to his body, which it completely covered with blotches and scales. Nothing that he took seemed to effect a permanent cure. I finally induced him to try a few bottles of the Golden Medical Discovery, with daily use of the Pellets, assuring him it would surely cure him. He commenced its use some six weeks since, taking two Pellets each night for a week, then one pellet at night and the Discovery as directed. The result is, to-day his skin is perfectly smooth, and the scaly eruptions are gone. He has taken some seven or eight bottles in all, and considers himself cured. This case has baffled the skill of our best physicians. Messrs. Dunstord & Co., druggists, of this place, are selling largely of your medicines, and find the kindly character, and they give perfect satisfaction in every case. Respectfully,

W. H. CHAMPLIN, Agt. Am. Exp. Co.

"A DROP OF JOY IN EVERY WORD."—Pleasantville, Hunterdon Co., N. J.—Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.: Dear Sir: It is with a happy heart that I pen these lines to acknowledge that I have used your Golden Medical Discovery and Purgative Pellets are blessings to the world. These medicines cured me so highly praised, for they have almost brought a corpse of me home. Three months ago I was broken out with large ulcers and sores on my body, limbs, and face. I procured your Golden Medical Discovery and Purgative Pellets, and have taken six bottles, and to-day I am in good health. All those ugly ulcers having healed, and left my skin in a natural, healthy condition. I thought at one time I could not live to see my child. Although I can but poorly express my gratitude, yet there is a drop of joy in every word I write. God's blessing rest on you and your wonderful medicines is the humble prayer of yours truly.

JAMES G. BERLIN.

DOCTORS WANTED TO TAKE HIS LEG OFF.—Dr. R. V. Pierce: Dear Sir: Twenty years ago I was shipwrecked on the Atlantic Ocean, and the cold and exposure caused a large abscess to form on each leg, which grew so painful that I could not walk. After I landed I went to Liverpool, Rome, New-Orleans, New-York, and at the hospital on Staten Island. (where the doctors wanted to take one leg off.) Finally, after spending thousands of dollars, I was induced to try your Golden Medical Discovery, and was cured in three months after taking the first bottle. I am thankful to say I am entirely cured, and for the first time in ten years can put my left leg to the ground. I am now nearly every evening, and shall be glad to satisfy any person of the truth of this information. I am, Sir, yours respectfully, M. F. Jefferson st., Buffalo, N. Y.

CONSUMPTION.

In a previous subdivision of this article I have shown that the liver is the great scavenging or blood-cleansing organ of the human system. When this great "housekeeper" of our health becomes torpid or inactive, a vast number of our ills are the result. Consumption in the last Massive relay to work off and rout the enemy, of this purpose through other channels and organs, and largely through the exhalations thrown off through the lungs in respiration. The blood is, in a measure, oxygenated and purified by the lungs, but in this effort and overwork some of these impurities are left in the blood, which, chills, and consumption itself are the natural results. The demon of the lungs being irritated by the bile-poisoned blood circulating through these most delicately constructed organs, a severe cough is fastened upon and the person feels languid, weak, tired, drowsy, and oppressed. Pain in the side is felt in the region of the liver, and sympathetic pain in the shoulders and spine and through the lungs, is generally experienced. The patient soon has a dry, hacking cough—that river cough! which so often deceives the physician, and the lungs will perhaps exist for months unknown to their victim. Nothing is done to remove tubercles by the ordinary treatment. Cough is only a symptom of the disease, yet this only is attended to. There is no medicine, we think, for consumption except to purify the blood. Say the liver not truly at work, and the foul corruptions which have accumulated in the blood, and which it not cast out, will machinery, are gradually engrafted from the system. The poisonous materials in the blood which cause the tubercles are thereby shown off and vitality supported, the system nourished and built up, and the development of tubercles thus very much retarded. Remove the blood-poisons by restoring the action of the liver, and the cough, which is only a symptom of the real disease, is relieved. Yet cheerly strike at the root of incipient consumption and cure the disease.

GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY

will not raise the dead, nor will it cure consumption when the lungs are almost wholly consumed, but it will do as has been demonstrated in hundreds of cases, cure the cough, arrest the disease, and restore health and strength, if it be administered in the early stages of the disease. From its wonderful power over this terrible disease, when first offering the now celebrated remedy to the public, I thought it proper to call it by its "Consumption Cure," but I finally decided one to apply to it a name which might mislead the public and prevent its use in other diseases for which it is also so admirably adapted. It is not a cure-all, but in its specific action on blood, it possesses wonderful sanative properties, which peculiarly adapt it to the wants of the consumptive and scrofulous. The wrecking of constitutions by the mercurial drugs when administered with those possessed by our Discovery. It is astonishing to see how it builds up the cold muscle and increases the flesh and weight of those whose systems have reached half or two-thirds the usual standard of perfect health by wasting diseases.

CONSUMPTION CURED.—Dr. PIERCE: My father died with consumption, and I thought I was going the same way. My cough could not be stopped until I took your Discovery. It stopped the cough and cured me, and I have remained so for two years.

Mrs. R. D. MITCHELL, Jonesboro, Tenn.

CONSUMPTION.—R. V. PIERCE, M. D.: Dear Sir: I have been taking your Golden Medical Discovery and now feel much better than I have been for years. The ulcers on my legs, the obstinate and painful cough and constipation have entirely left me. I feel like a new man. I remain yours, S. C. SHORT, New-London, Conn.

CONSUMPTION.—R. V. Pierce, M. D.: Dear Sir: I write to express my gratitude for the benefit obtained from your medicines. I was treated for years by several of the first physicians of Philadelphia without benefit, soon after I commenced taking your Golden Medical Discovery and Pellets the cough, constipation, and racking pains, the bane of my life, left me, and I have since been enjoying health. Yours respectfully,

MRS. R. GORDON, London, Ontario.

BLEEDING FROM LUNGS.—CHICAGO, Ill.—WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: Gentlemen: For years I have been a great sufferer. My trouble first manifested itself in the form of a severe pain in my side and a racking cough and frequent bleeding from the lungs. I had been continually doctoring, consulting physicians and trying patent medicines, but found no benefit or encouragement. The most noted physicians of our city expressed their opinions in the brief but heavy words, "Take good care of yourself as the lung has but one lung left." Thus I went on, daily growing worse under their treatment. One day, through reading your "Memorandum-Book," I learned of the Golden Medical Discovery. With but little hope of relief I purchased a bottle and took it. To my surprise and satisfaction it did more good than all the drugs I had taken during my entire sickness. Gradually improving in health, I continued the use of the medicine, and now feel as well as ever. I have no hesitation in recommending it to all to be just what it is advertised. Sincerely yours,

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SYMPTOMS OF CATARRH.—Dull, heavy headache, obstruction of the nasal passages, discharges falling from the head into the throat, sometimes profuse, sometimes thick, tenacious, at others thin, acrid, and purulent, bloody, and putrid; the eyes are weak, watery, and inflamed; there is ringing in the ears, deafness, hawking or coughing to clear the throat, expectoration of offensive matter, breath fetid, smell impaired, voice is changed and has a nasal twang, the breath is offensive, smell and taste are impaired; there is a sensation of dizziness, mental depression, hacking cough, and general debility. Only a few of the above-named symptoms are, however, likely to be present in any one case. There is no disease more common than catarrh, and none more misunderstood and misnamed.

Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy has stood the test of years, and has justly earned the distinction of "Old Reliable," which many have applied to it. Many pretended "Catarrh Cures" are in the market, which are vaunted very ingeniously advertised, but they have all been shortlived.

"DOLLAR GRABBERS."

ROCKFORD, Mass., April 2, 1877.

Mr. EDITOR: Having read in your paper reports of the remarkable cures effected by Dr. Sage's "Catarrh Remedy" and "Dr. Pierce's Nasal Douche," I thought I know about catarrh, and I fancy the "snuff" and "inhaling-tube" makers (mere dollar grabbers) would be glad if they could cure such a similar sure in the particulars. For five years I suffered with catarrh, the nasal passages became completely closed. "Snuff," "dust," "tube," "inhaling tubes," and "sticks," wouldn't do me any good. Finally the wound eat up the seat of catarrh and, until I became a valuable tester for such medicines. I gradually grew worse, and no one can know how much I suffered or what a miserable being I was. My head seemed ready to burst, and I used to go to my bed for many successive days, suffering the most intense pain, which at one time lasted continuously for 168 hours. All sense of smell and taste gone, sight impaired, hearing almost destroyed and weakened, nervous system shattered, and constitution broken, and I was hawking and spitting seven-eighths of the time. I prayed for death to relieve me of my suffering. A friend recommended Dr. Sage's new Catarrh Remedy induced me to purchase a package, and use it with Dr. Pierce's Nasal Douche, which applies the remedy by hydrostatic pressure, the only way complete with the nasal passages. In a few days, I felt more easy in three-fourths of a second, nor in one hour or mouth, but in less than eight minutes I was relieved, and in three months thoroughly cured, and have remained so for over seven months. While using Dr. Sage's Remedy I used Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to purify my blood and strengthen my stomach. I also kept my liver active and bowels regular by the use of Dr. Pierce's Purgative Pellets. If my experience will induce other sufferers to seek the same means of relief, this letter will have answered its purpose. Yours, truly,

S. D. REMIER.

CATARRHAL DEAFNESS.—R. V. Pierce, M. D.: Dear Sir: For five or six years I have had catarrh, with constant pain in the forehead, ringing in the ears, and deafness. At times I thought that I would lose my hearing altogether. I had difficulty in reasoning and constant dizziness. I had tried many physicians and took their medicines without benefit. I finally read one of your pamphlets, and commenced using your Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. Thank God, I am cured of that dreadful disease. My hearing is as good as anyone's, and a cure speedy. I am now cured, and have used but four bottles. I feel like a new man. Ever your friend.

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SUFFERED TERRIBLY, CURED.—R. V. PIERCE, M. D.: Dear Sir: I write to thank you for placing so valuable a medicine as your Favorite Prescription at the disposal of the public. I have a friend who for years has suffered terribly, to her, I recently gave to me. I purchased for her a bottle of your Favorite Prescription at the suggestion of my family physician. She is now, as a result of its use, perfectly well, has no attacks of pain and headache, and is most deeply thankful for the health which heretofore she has never enjoyed. Yours,

J. BAILEY, Boston, E. V.

MADE HAPPY.—YORKVILLE, Toronto, Ontario.—R. V. PIERCE, M. D.: Dear Sir: I write you about a most remarkable case of a lady friend of mine. Mrs. Rathbun, Sixteen years ago, that she has suffered from uterine disease, for which she has tried the best physicians of the part of the country, who told her she would have to undergo an operation with the knife. Being afraid of this, she was induced to try your "Favorite Prescription" and "Golden Medical Discovery." With but little hope of relief, purchased a bottle and took it. To my surprise and satisfaction it did more good than all the drugs I had taken during my entire sickness. Gradually improving in health, I continued the use of the medicine, and now feel as well as ever. I have no hesitation in recommending it to all to be just what it is advertised. Sincerely yours,

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Fleming, Penn.—Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.: Dear Sir: I was treated by four different physicians without avail for disease of the liver and uterus. Some time ago I commenced the use of your Favorite Prescription and Discovery, both at the time confined very of the time to my bed. At first my improvement was slow, but I now find myself well after the use of four bottles of each of the medicines. With many, many thanks, I am very respectfully MARY E. GRADY.

DOSE WONDERFUL.—WHITE SMOKER, Lee County, Ill.—Dr. R. V. Pierce: Your Favorite Prescription did wonders for my wife some five years since. She had been afflicted with "female weakness" for 23 years, and could not be on her feet without some support, and she was so weak she could not be up but very little, and thought she must give up all hope of ever getting any better. I got her two bottles of your Favorite, one of your "Discovery," and two bottles of Pellets. She threw away her crutch, and by the time she had taken the medicine she was entirely cured; could walk to the neighbors; could lift quite heavy weights and do her work. We had spent large sums of money all to no purpose, and the $4.50 cared her. I told our doctor, and he has recommended it very often. He said anything that would do such wonders he would recommend.

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FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE—Hearts of Oak.
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WALLACK'S—Old Heads and Young Hearts.
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NIBLO'S GARDEN—Mazeppa Menagerie.
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SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS—Bradley's Pirates.
STANDARD THEATRE—Wife.
NEW-YORK AQUARIUM—Parisian Circus. Matinée.
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The Signal Service Bureau report indicates for to-day, in this region, cloudy, followed by clearing weather, northerly winds, stationary or higher temperature, rising barometer.

In the debate on the Geneva Award bill in the Senate, yesterday, it came to light that, after having paid all the losses provided for by the tribunal, there will be several millions of dollars still left in the Treasury from the original fund. The debate thereupon turned for a time on the question of what should be done with this remainder. Should it be paid to those who suffered losses from the destruction of property by cruisers for which Great Britain was not held responsible, or to those who paid enhanced, or war, premiums on insurance? Mr. THURMAN asked that the Senate should vote directly on the claims for war premiums, which he regarded as far weaker than the claims of those who lost property. Mr. CONKLING drew a very clear distinction between the two, pointing out that the claims for war premiums were declared to be beyond the jurisdiction of the tribunal, and were not embraced in the treaty at all. Mr. BLAINE maintained the cause of the war-premium claims with great fervor, but he is no match for Mr. THURMAN in an argument of this nature, and suffered in the encounter.

A speck of war, no bigger than a man's hand, appears in a communication sent to the Senate yesterday from the Department of State. The claims against the Government of Venezuela on account of damages sustained by citizens of the United States have remained a long time unpaid. Originally about one million and a quarter of dollars, the sum awarded, was reduced by a single payment, but as the interest has not been paid, the amount due the claimants now exceeds that at first awarded by the commission. The suggestion of Secretary EVARTS, that coercion be employed to compel the payment of the award, will strike most people with surprise. But it must be admitted that the conduct of the Venezuelan Government in procrastinating, not only the payment, but the taking of all possible steps looking to a fair settlement, has been most exasperating. At this late day it is proposed by Venezuela that there should be a new commission, a new examination of claims, and that the whole affair should be begun *de novo*. It is a miserable piece of business, from beginning to end, but something must be done to settle it. Congress is asked to suggest an outline of the settlement which we are to demand of Venezuela.

The petition now in circulation protesting against the passage of the amendments to the New-York charter which are pending in the Legislature ought to be signed by all who have any interest in the good government of the City. The existing administration of Municipal affairs is irresponsible and wasteful enough, but under the operation of these amendments it would go from bad to worse. To concentrate "the money-raising power, the money-spending power, and the appointment of the favorites who are to spend it, in the hands of officers selected because of their subservience to partisan influences," would be to invite the rule of a Ring as corrupt, as reckless, and far more independent of public opinion than the Tweed quartet ever was. The bill is as full of ambiguities and palpable defects as it is of jobbery, and the citizens of New-York cannot too emphatically remind a Republican Legislature of the party disaster and personal disgrace which would attend its enactment into law.

The printed volume of testimony in the Kellogg case contains the testimony of the notorious R. L. WEBBE, who failed to reappear for cross-examination, and whose evidence was, therefore, ordered to be stricken from the record. WEBBE testified to having seen rolls of bills in the hands of members of the Packard Legislature, which they alleged had been received from KELLOGG, and unable, apparently, to miss the chance of making the most of this characteristic contribution from a self-convicted perjurer, the record has been tampered with to the extent of incorporating with it matter which was expressly ruled out. The trick is a fair sample of the desperate tactics which have been resorted to in order to steal a seat which the Democrats sadly need, and, if there is either honor or independence in the party, ought to furnish one more reason for defeating a conspiracy which will certainly recoil on those responsible for it.

The sketch given in another column of the work done by Commissioner CAMPBELL, during the last four years, toward developing the City's water supply, is a powerful argument against any such interference with the administration of the Department of Public Works as is contemplated in the Strahan Charter bill. The work has been done under manifest disadvantages and with resources crippled by the political opposition which Mr. CAMPBELL's independence of political dictation has provoked. The Commissioner of Public Works has certainly succeeded better than any of his predecessors ever did, or attempted to do, in approximating the administration of his department to the methods which regulate the conduct of private business. The enmity he has thereby provoked is as creditable to him as the practical results he has achieved, and Republicans in or out of the Legislature can hardly afford to lend themselves to making war on so faithful and capable an officer.

By its lavish expenditure on public charities, New-York undoubtedly encourages pauperism. As was shown at the conference of the representatives of charitable institutions held yesterday, the amount raised by taxation for charitable purposes has increased in fifteen years from $1,125,000 to $2,600,000—$2 50 for every man, woman, and child in the City in 1880, against $1 50 per head in 1865. While the managers of the leading charitable institutions are agreed as to the necessity of curtailing the extravagant amount of the Municipal alms fund, none of them would admit that the per capita allowance of the institution with which he was identified could be decreased. The general line of argument was that outside of the thirteen institutions represented at the meeting, there were others which were either wastefully managed or were totally unnecessary, and that the system of indiscriminate grants, as well as of the wholesale commitments of children to charitable institutions, ought to be stopped. Most people will share Mrs. LOWELL's skepticism as to the effect of our increased charitable expenditure in checking crime, and will await with some curiosity the findings of the committee appointed to investigate and report on the subject.

HOW NOT TO REFORM THE TARIFF.

Mr. GARFIELD has been made, very naturally, the recipient of a letter of advice on the question of tariff legislation from Mr. D. J. MORRELL, the President of the American Iron and Steel Association. Mr. MORRELL is not at ease in his mind with reference to this very important question. He is assured, indeed, that "it is likely that the Committee of Ways and Means," of which Mr. GARFIELD is an honored member, "will not report any of the various tariff bills referred to them"—a view which was precisely that taken by nearly one-half the House last week, and which caused them to make a bitter and obstinate struggle to keep a tariff bill out of the fatal grasp of that committee. But Mr. MORRELL remembers, with dismay and anguish, the repeal of the duty on quinine, and he is not without fear that the "reckless spirit" which was then shown may be again invoked. He will not rest "until such raids have been rendered impossible." He proposes to effect this by establishing a "Department of Industry," in the charge of a "Secretary of Industry," to be a Cabinet officer. This department should have Bureaus of Agriculture, Manufactures, and Commerce. Mr. MORRELL does not say, but he intimates, that no revision of the Tariff laws should be attempted until some such means as this are adopted for investigation.

This is a very plausible suggestion from the stand-point of the protected manufacturer. The trouble with it is that that is a stand-point which Congress cannot, in justice to the country, consent to occupy. There can be no objection to any amount of searching investigation in regard to the tariff, though a department is a novel, and not very promising, agency for any such work. But there is no reason why Congress should wait for the organization of a department, or even for the report of a commission, before proceeding to correct certain crying abuses in the tariff. To do so would simply be to bury the whole subject for an indefinite period. How wise or safe the process of smothering tariff bills, even by the Committee of Ways and Means, Mr. GARFIELD himself knows. He knows it considerably better now than he did when Mr. MORRELL's letter was written, which was the 26d of March, the day on which Mr. GARFIELD began the long and tedious and barely successful fight for the privilege, in his committee, of even getting tariff bills before them at all. The assumption which lies at the basis of the proposition of the President of the Iron and Steel Association is that the present tariff is a perfect thing, and should not be touched; that it contains the very lowest duties that can properly be levied, distributed in the most equitable manner, and delicately adjusted to serve all interests. The truth is exactly the opposite. One would suppose from the reverence with which the actual tariff is regarded by those who are protected under it that it had been revealed to Congress amid the thunders of Sinai, and that it were the most audacious profanation to suggest that even a comma (though a comma has been known to make hundreds of thousands of dollars difference in the revenues derived under it) could be obliterated or added. As a matter of fact, the tariff was the product of hap-hazard, hasty action, taken in the midst of the confusion of the civil war, and it has never been modified in any rational manner since, and scarcely at all, except by patchwork legislation, largely dictated, not by all concerned, but by the agents and advocates of industries seeking special protection against foreign competition.

Moreover, it cannot be too often urged on Congress that even a deliberately-conceived and carefully-arranged protective tariff is in its nature a temporary expedient, always not only open to revision, but, after a limited experience, imperatively demanding revision. Protective duties are professedly imposed to encourage the establishment of industries which, when established, shall be completely capable of sustaining competition from every source. If, after a reasonable period, the protected industries be not established, the experiment is a failure, and should be abandoned, and to continue it after it has failed is the plainest injustice to the great body of the people. It is always competent for Congress to examine into the results of protection; it is not only so, but it is the duty of Congress. In such an investigation the presumption is not in favor of the protected industries, but against them. The burden of proof must necessarily rest on them, to show, by an exact statement of their condition, that protection should be continued. In order to do so they must demonstrate that continued protection will shortly make them able to stand free competition. In the present instance, so long a time having elapsed since heavy protection was accorded, such industries are entitled to nothing but a gradual withdrawal of protection, for the conclusion is irresistible that if they are not yet successfully established they never will be.

When a plea is made that all changes in the tariff should be indefinitely postponed, because the protected manufacturers are disturbed by proposing such changes, the reply is that they should have remembered that reductions must come sooner or later, and should accommodate their business to that expectation. If they cannot do so, it is because they are not proper subjects of protection. For the protective process is always and necessarily an expensive one. It consists in artificially raising prices for the time being, with the hope of ultimately getting them down to the general level fixed by world-wide competition. In this process the consumer pays the cost, directly and indirectly, not only the immediate consumer, but the innumerable industries of which the favored industries furnish the material. No protective tariff can be adjusted so as to avoid burdens many times repeated upon the people which exists it. It is the right of the people, therefore, that it should be continued as short a time as possible, that the promised advantage shall be had, if it can be had at all, at as small cost as possible. In our own tariff this right is peculiarly imperative, because there are many provisions of it which were framed crudely and hastily, and operate with needless oppressiveness. The proper course for Congress, therefore, is not to put off all reform till the Greek kalends, but to take up such propositions as may be submitted to it, and decide each one temperately, but firmly, on its merits.

EXPELLING BONE AND SINEW.

Some of the Southern journals which have a more enlightened view of the needs of that section of the country than most of their local contemporaries take frequent occasion to admit the need of more labor and capital to aid in the development of resources and the building up of material prosperity. They declare that accessions of both these elements from the North will be welcome, and will find encouragement and protection in using the opportunities afforded for enterprise and industry. The leading newspaper of Atlanta, Ga., recently gave emphatic expression to such assurances in reply to inquiries from Maine, and a prominent Charleston journal has been urging upon the people of that city the exceptional advantages which exist there for the establishment of manufactures of cotton, and it admits that the most practicable method of securing it is by inviting the help of skill and experience in that line of business from the manufacturing States of the North. In the more advanced sections of the South it is becoming more and more recognized that the elements of material prosperity are their greatest need. They begin to see, what has been evident to everybody else ever since the war, that the well-being of those States would be best promoted by opening up the fields of industry and inviting workers into them from every quarter. The wealth of which they are capable, under free labor, is something which could scarcely be dreamed of while they remained under the blight of slavery, and there is no doubt that the barriers raised by political prejudice and intolerance are destined to go down under the assaults of enterprise from without. The opening of through lines of railroad, and the consolidation of their fragments in the hands of energetic and responsible managers, will force the currents of industrial activity into quicker movement, and carry into them more and more the healthy blood of other States.

In view of this acknowledged need of the South and of the inevitable direction of the vital energy of the nation into its shrunken and half-paralyzed industrial system, the counter-movement of its indigenous labor to other quarters has a peculiar significance. The source of Southern prosperity will long continue to be in its soil. Manufactures will be of slow growth, but its plantations and farms, its almost untouched forests, and its scarcely opened mines are capable of yielding wealth that will suffice for a steady growth through many years to come. Its greatest opportunities are for manual and comparatively unskilled labor, and it has in the freedmen a labor force exactly adapted to its needs. The climate is suited to them, the work required is such as they are accustomed to, they have a strong attachment for the soil and for the surroundings in which their lives have been passed, and there is every reason why they should remain in content to share in a prosperity to which their labor would contribute, and yet they are fleeing by thousands to the North, or resorting to that saddest of all forms of exodus, a return to the dark continent from which their ancestors were forced. This movement, so opposed to what should be the natural course of things, is not to be explained by any merely incidental influences. No political skill on a Congressional committee can disguise the actual causes. The evidence all tends to one explanation. They are deprived of rights that are dear to them, they are subject to inhuman treatment, they do not enjoy the equal protection of the laws, they are not allowed the legitimate fruits of their labor. We may admit at once that this treatment, in the degree which they find intolerable, is confined to certain districts, the semi-barbarous "back country" of such States as Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, and the Carolinas, but it is connived at by those who have authority and influence in those States, and does not receive the condemnation which it deserves, and which would not be without effect from the public opinion of any part of the South. The very bone and sinew of the laboring population is driven out from certain sections, and made uneasy over a far wider area.

Aside from the moral and political aspects of the case, vastly important as they are, the material welfare of the South is grievously injured by this blind spirit of persecution. Everybody in the North capable of thinking on the subject at all knows that the more intelligent, the better educated, the more secure in person and property, and the more free and independent in the exercise of political rights, the working class may be, whatever their race or nationality, and however humble their capabilities, the better for the entire community. These conditions tend to make of them a self-respecting, law-abiding, and useful class of citizens, whose contributions to the general prosperity are by no means the least important. But in most of the Southern States a course is pursued which suppresses these wholesome conditions and tends to destroy the characteristics that spring from them. If the penalty were confined to a languishing industrial condition and a disordered state of society, there would be a certain measure of justice in it, but the sufferings of the wronged people are in no way atoned for by the punishment which the wrong-doers are blindly bringing upon themselves. If these latter prefer their barbarism and wish to be allowed to domineer over a population of serfs, even at the cost of strangled industries and a state of shabby and vicious poverty, they will find that they are not favorably located for such a purpose. They cannot relapse unmolested into a condition that might be possible in the interior of Russia. They are part and parcel of a country where enlightened ideas count for something, and they cannot isolate themselves from the influences which such ideas breed. The negroes can escape with their story of wrongs, and public opinion can penetrate even to the back counties of Arkansas. The aggressive spirit of free institutions no longer shrinks at the borders of a Southern State, and it is on a career of conquest which will not be ended until the barbarism inherited from the days of slavery has disappeared. The South will share in its triumphs, but it is time for it to enlist on the side of enlightenment and work for its own salvation.

ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL EPISODE.

The people of Panama are so deeply interested, just now, in everything pertaining to transit across their isthmus that it is not surprising they are scared by the mysterious movements of the American men-of-war along the adjoining coast. Nevertheless, there is something ludicrous in the perturbation which they show, as well as in the zeal with which they undertake to interfere in the affairs of their neighbors. Admitting that the Kearsarge and her companion are employed in reconnoitring for a route for a canal across the State of Costa Rica, a reconnoissance does not imply anything but a preliminary and superficial survey. The Government of the United States will never build a canal across any part of the continent outside of our own boundary lines. And if the Government of Costa Rica does not manifest any anxiety on the subject of a survey of the harbors of that Republic by American war-vessels, any interference by the Government of a neighboring State is an impertinence. Costa Rica is not a powerful or influential Republic, it is true; and the show of local authority made by its successive revolutionary Governments is neither formidable nor respectable. But the little Republic is in no danger from the invasion of United States forces; and it is quite probable that if our Government has sent war-vessels thither on a peaceful errand, like that of collecting scientific data, an understanding has first been obtained with the Government of Costa Rica.

But the gentlemen who are so extremely solicitous that our Government should take steps to prevent a company, mainly composed of foreigners, from constructing a canal across the Isthmus of Panama should be encouraged by this novel diversion. We have no information that the vessels referred to are engaged in any business connected with canal-building. The suggestion that this is the fact originates in the disquietude of the Government and people of Panama. It is said that considerable feeling prevails among the natives of the country, now wholly given over to the contemplation of ship-canal possibilities, and that the mystery surrounding the affair deepens the emotion which pervades the somewhat excitable population of Panama. The instant conclusion of the people is, that we are getting ready to build a rival canal, next door. In the general examination of the country along the isthmus in search of feasible routes, it is possible that a practicable line for a canal across Costa Rica may have been hitherto overlooked. Certainly, no mention has been made lately of a route across to the Pacific from the Boca del Toro, on the Atlantic coast. It is within the bounds of possibility that the State Department has information which has led to the dispatching thither of two men-of-war, with instructions to determine the value of the coast for purposes of approach to a transcontinental canal. Therefore, although we cannot build a canal across the Isthmus of Panama, and we should not allow anybody else to do it, we may create a side issue by pretending that somebody may dig a canal at some other point. And this is what worries the people of Panama, who have heard so much bluster from the United States concerning our right to resist European commercial enterprises being established on the American continent that they may really believe that we are ready to set up a rival scheme for the mere sake of rivalry.

Although we should be sorry to excite the animosity of the citizens of the United States of Colombia by running an opposition to their De Lesseps canal, we ought to be willing to do something to satisfy our fellow-citizens who insist on an enforcement of the Monroe doctrine. These able advocates of Mr. MONROE's principles insist that the Panama canal cannot be built, and that, when it is built, it should be owned and controlled by Americans. If the Panama route is impracticable, it is our business to find a route that is practicable. And if we can dig a canal across Costa Rica, for example, we will have the interoceanic water-way in running order before the effete monarchies of Europe have begun their fell purpose of destroying our liberties by digging and excavating operations in Central America. And if this preliminary reconnoissance—if it be a reconnoissance—should fail to bring anything else to pass, we should have the satisfaction at least of knowing that we have scared the Panamaros. They know very well that we have resolved to send a formidable naval force (when we get one) against the French and Dutch engineers as soon as they manifest their ability to dig the canal which we insist cannot and must not be constructed. They know that we would not build their canal if we could, and could not if we would, and that we are determined to prevent anybody else from making experiments in that direction. And they naturally "view with alarm" our mysterious movements in Costa Rica. Possibly, Panama may ultimately be relieved to discover that the United States naval expedition is engaged in searching for a rare variety of semi-tropical oysters, or to be ready for a descent upon Venezuela.

THE OTHER WOMAN.

It is generally thought that nature arranges the animal kingdom in pairs, at least substantially, so that each male may have his female, and no female be deprived of her male. This provision of nature, however, is so interfered with by man as to disturb often the numerical equality of the sexes. Many men are very apt to set, through aggressive selfishness, more than their share of women, which is doubtless one cause of celibacy. There is usually a certain supply of unmated and disengaged women from whom bachelors might choose; but they are, as a rule, so much alike that there is little choice in them. The aggressive men, to whom most women are prone to be partial, secure the best specimens—the cream of the market, so to speak—and leave the poorest lots to their fellows, deterred from matrimony by the character of the unsought-for goods. Love results from the perception of loveliness; where loveliness is not, love is not generated, and marriage has no excuse for being. Some men are solitary because many men are polygamous, polygamy upsetting the order of Nature, which prompts all men to be husbands and all women to be wives.

If most men be not polygamous, they certainly seem to be bigamous; their relation to the other sex, whatever their assumption, continually proving to be dual. There appears to be nearly always one woman in the foreground, and another woman in the background, who has an alarming tendency to come to the front at extremely inopportune times. The other woman *is so important a figure in the comedy, or tragedy, or tragi-comedy of masculine life, that* the play can seldom be completed or half completed without her. She may not be wanted; an effort may be made, indeed, generally is made, to keep her out of sight, to render her wholly subordinate, to pretend that she has not been cast for the piece. But it is all fruitless. She is the real heroine of the drama, and shows herself such in the last act, if not before. She may not appear in the early parts, but she is tolerably sure to have some strong scenes, some commanding situations, toward the close, and to carry her audience. The climax and the plot turn on her; she cannot be omitted; without her there would be no play, or if there were, it would be "Shylock" minus the Jew. The other woman is the spirit and the source of every domestic drama, and she frequently lends it a painful interest, which nobody would or could have anticipated. She is full of surprises, and the cause of prodigious surprises in others, particularly in the regular woman.

How ubiquitous, though generally hidden, the other woman is. She belongs very often, too, to men who are regarded as fanatically monogamous, devotedly domestic. She remains in the distance, continues unknown, so long as they follow conventional paths and orderly courses. But when they, strolling into devious ways, or violating law, stand under the glare of public attention, the other woman is suddenly revealed, with all her unhappy past. She becomes an object of universal curiosity, but excites no compassion. Sins which are wholly theirs are laid on her shoulders; she is proclaimed the author of their misdeeds and misfortunes, when she is really the sufferer therefrom. "Another man ruined by a woman," cries the popular voice, though it is truthfully another woman ruined by a man. The bigamous fellow generally runs away, leaving the unacknowledged woman in the breach, without a shred of offered charity to cover her bleeding hurt. Society demands a victim, and, as the rogue has escaped, the other woman must be condemned, and condemned she is, unsparingly and on every hand. The public feeling, aggrieved that it has been kept in ignorance, falls upon her with the zealous malice born of a discovered secret. All that it ought to say of him, the fugitive, it says of her, doubly pilloried by exposure and desertion.

The community is always looking for the other woman after any and every painful exposure. A merchant of unblemished reputation disappears; a bank Cashier decamps; a noted clergyman leaves his family; an esteemed private citizen commits suicide. "What is her name?" is eagerly inquired. "Her name is Mrs. ——, of course. He has long been married, you know." "Oh! not his wife. Wives seldom make tragedies. Who is the other woman? There must be, there always is, another woman; and in such cases she is usually disclosed. We may not hear of her. The facts may be suppressed, but they exist, and their centre is the other woman."

There certainly seems to be a basis for the opinion. Private information, the news of the daily press, records of the past, all personal chronicles, are forever unfolding the other woman. She appears to be an omnipresent factor in the product of man; she shines through all history; she is the foundation of countless romances; she is the figure in the shadow on whom the catastrophe depends. She should not be; every ethical code is against her. Conventionality accepts her not; but there she is, and she refuses to be eliminated. It is man's fault rather than hers that she is not banished. He evinces a most determined opposition to her removal. If she eludes him, he supplies her place; he seems incapable of limiting himself to one. What nature has ordained he contravenes. There is no valid excuse for his divided affections. Indeed, he does not pretend that there is. He admits that one woman for one man is good policy, high civilization, sound morality. He avows that he is in sympathy with, and truly loves, only one; but that one is not the regular woman, she is the other woman. The former he has and does not want; the latter he wants and cannot have. Does possession beget satiety? Is desire for the interdicted an inappeasable passion?

Statistics show that about twenty-one feminine children are born for every twenty masculine children. Is it possible that nature has blundered? Should the number be forty-two girls to twenty-one boys? No; nature is right, and man is wrong. He has not yet fully emerged from his ancient barbarism. The truly civilized man is monogamous. Only he in whom a trace of savagery lingers is bigamous, as his remote ancestors were polygamous. We are all advancing; the time is pregnant with progress. The coming man will not know, for he will not need nor wish, the other woman.

Gen. SKOBELEFF's reported departure to take command of the Merv expedition is, if true, a surer warrant of peace between Russia and Germany than the Emperor WILLIAM's pacific assurance of "no more war." Russia would hardly plunge her best General into the deserts of Central Asia were there any chance of his being needed at home. But whatever truth there may be in the rumored Anglo-Russian agreement that Merv and Herat shall be untouched for the present by either side, there can be no question as to the increasing boldness of the Afghans. That the latter should attack a British fort, and inflict upon its garrison a loss of 32 killed and wounded, is a fact which tells its own story. When to this is added the news of an expected raid on the British outposts "by crossing the Kabul River on rafts," and of the threatening of the English communications by MOHAMMED JAN, the value of the latter's reported "desire to treat with the British" is easily estimated.

The cable announced yesterday that the King of Siam is coming to this country, after a brief visit to the chief capitals of Europe. His Supreme Majesty SOMDETCH CHOWFA CHULALONGKORN, Sacred Lord of Heads, and Possessor of All, starts on his tour in April, and will certainly need an introduction to nearly everybody he sees until he gets home again. Some of the usually-consulted books of reference give a little misinformation about him, and others are entirely silent; but what is said about him by Mrs. LEONOWENS, who was his teacher for several years, and by a TIMES correspondent, who had an interview with him in November, 1877, is more reliable. His father, MAHA MONGKUT, died in 1868, leaving about 70 surviving children. The Siamese Princes are all equally heirs to the throne, but the Senabodi unanimously elected the present ruler, and he was crowned on Nov. 11, 1868, being then about 15 years old. Those who suppose him to be an Eastern despot of the ordinary kind—like his amiable neighbor THUBAW, King of Burmah, for instance, who, a few months ago, caused the killing of something like 100 of his relatives—are very much mistaken. Mrs. LEONOWENS wisely did not seek to proselyte her pupil, who is a Buddhist in name and a Rationalist in fact, it is said. That would have weakened her influence, and she chose rather to educate him in the largest sense, and to inculcate such principles as would most ameliorate the condition of his country. He proved a diligent student, especially of English and American newspapers, and nothing pleased him more than to converse with intelligent travelers on the topics thus suggested. He has some knowledge of science; he is a practical political economist; he reads and speaks half a dozen languages, and calls English the mother tongue; he is a great admirer of America and Americans, and is familiar with our history. It will thus be seen that he is really more Western than Eastern in his character and education, and his reign as King fully sustains this idea. One of his first acts on coming to the throne was to liberate unconditionally all prisoners of state on the occasion of his father's cremation. Shortly after this he issued a remarkable proclamation, giving perfect religious freedom to all his subjects, whom he also permitted to wear European dress and to stand erect in his presence. The abolition of slavery caused him much trouble, but in 1871 royal proclamation was made that it should gradually cease after the following Jan. 1, and that slaveholders should be remunerated by a general tax. Before that fully three-fourths of a population of 3,000,000 men were branded by their owners' mark very much like Western steers, or were held in some qualified form of servitude. This estimate of population must be taken with allowance, however, for, estimating the women and children, it would cover Siam's 188,000 square miles very thickly.

Would it be supposed that anything could have less value than an incurable idiot? There are, however, many things less valuable. In fact, an idiot, if he be strictly first class, has considerable pecuniary worth, and is so marketable as to be an object of competition. JOHN ROUSS, of Randall's Island, very well known hereabout, is an example. His is the most aggravated case of idiocy known to the medical profession of the State. He has the smallest head on record in this country; he can hardly utter any intelligible sounds; he does not know much more than a decayed carrot. Nevertheless, he is in demand, and in active demand. By whom? It might be thought by men who, having been called the biggest fools alive, wish to purchase JOHN to disprove the assertion; or by persons desirous to keep themselves in countenance by looking at him and realizing that there are depths of dullness below theirs. But it is showmen who want him, want him sorely and continually. They are desirous to humbug the public with him by exhibiting him through the provinces as the Wild Man of Borneo, the Savage of Sumatra, a Native of Madagascar, a Samoan Chief, or something of that sort. As much as $8,000 has been offered for him again and again, and not long ago a very enterprising caterer to public credulity proposed to purchase him outright for $20,000. As he is in the asylum on the Island, the physicians who have charge of it would not sell him, of course, and they have been afraid, in the active rivalry to possess him, that he might be kidnapped. Think of $20,000 being offered for an incurable idiot! Is it not mortifying? There are hundreds of men who consider themselves not only sane, but intellectual and remarkable, that are not worth one-quarter so much.

A curious fact is the deep interest which human nature feels in fiction, as illustrated in novels, regarding its scenes and characters as if they were real. Very few persons read a story in a critical spirit. The mass care nothing for the artistic or literary quality; the site of the plot and the situations carries them on, regardless of probability, description, or style. What they want is to be interested, to be taken out of themselves, and transferred for the time to an ideal world. Novel-readers are all, as a rule, benevolent and sympathetic. They insist that the tale shall end well, that poetic justice shall be dealt out at the conclusion to all the characters. If those they like, and, therefore, call good, are not dismissed to happiness, or if those they dislike are not punished, they are dissatisfied, and disapprove of the book, whatever its literary merit. Some persons always look at the close of a novel first, and if it ends badly they will not read it. The popularity of a novel depends very much on the way it winds up. Many people will not take the trouble to read a story with an unfortunate ending—they consider it a misuse of their time. They must be rewarded for their attention by having things turn out as they would have them. Everybody remembers what has been recorded of "Clarissa Harlowe"—how hundreds of women wrote to RICHARDSON, who published the tedious, priggish tale serially, imploring him not to let Clarissa die. Many of the famous stories of the world have always been disappointments on account of their denouements—among them "Le Lis dans la Vallée," "Corinne," (Sefton,) "Julia," the "Wahlverwandschaften," "Henry Esmond," "A Tale of Two Cities," and the "Marble Faun." Several of George Eliot's novels have frustrated the hopes of their readers. "Daniel Deronda" excited all. This, indeed, so irritated many of that author's admirers that they have not yet recovered from their irritation. It was too true to life and nature. They demanded that it should close after the manner of the fairy tales, in which the disguised Princess and the unknown Prince slip safely through the machinations of the evil genii, and are blissfully united at last in one another's arms. The average reader demanded that Deronda should marry Gwendolen, instead of Mirah, and they have never forgiven either him or his creator for marrying the wrong woman, as they conceive her to be. It is said that MARIAN EVANS has received any number of urgent requests, in the shape of correspondence, to issue another version of the story with the much-desired change. To meet the public want, a Boston firm has, with more enterprise than honesty, published a volume closely resembling HARPER's library edition of George Eliot's works, and entitled it "Gwendolen: A Sequel to 'Daniel Deronda,'" by George Eliot. It is plainly intended to deceive, and has no doubt deceived, many persons who do not keep advised of literary movements. A good many others have bought it and read it although conscious of the imposition, because they were anxious to see Gwendolen wedded as she should have been, while knowing that in real life more women are not so wedded. There is an exalted audacity in this literary fraud. When will the Boston house add a sixth act to "Hamlet," in which Ophelia shall appear as the Princess of Denmark?

Sir ARTHUR HELPS asserts in one of his instructive essays that a capacity for social enjoyment increases with years. By social enjoyment is meant an agreeable interchange of ideas amid material comfort, and, where possible, elegance. In this country what has been termed "society" has, until quite of late years, existed almost exclusively for young unmarried people, and as soon as the Rubicon of marriage was reached their society days were held to be over. There has undoubtedly been some improvement in this respect, but still the fact is not sufficiently recognized that social life, rightly understood, is quite as agreeable to people of 40 as to those of 24. One change which has, during the past two years, taken place is not at all for the better as regards older people—we mean the decline of evening visiting by men. A few years ago this was quite a pleasant feature of New-York Winter life. Men intimate with a family "happened in," and fell into the talk going on around the hearth, thus affording society without the slightest effort or, we may add, expense. It is alleged that this pleasant custom has fallen into desuetude, to the regret of many, mainly by reason of a habit which has crept in of having an up-stairs sitting-room. As a consequence, the drawing-room, instead of being bright and cheery in the evening, is unlit and deserted. The miserable visitor, shown into the dreary apartment, and waiting while the servant lights it up and goes to announce him, votes the whole thing ghastly, and vows he won't be there again in a hurry. It is true that if he is intimate with the family he will be ushered up stairs in due time to the domestic sanctum, but that is a very different thing to being shown at once into a pleasant apartment full of family life. These up-stair retreats are very good for morning rooms, but in the evening people should live in their drawing-rooms, which otherwise get that dreary, never-lived-in, company appearance which we associate with the best parlor of a farm-house. These up-stair rooms have sent many men to club and billiard saloons who would otherwise have been enjoying their time in a pleasant family circle.

According to Prof. VON SCHULTZ, Germany has more decorations and confers more upon individuals than all the rest of the world. All other countries of the globe have 100 orders, with not more than 210 variations; of these, about 75 orders, with perhaps 170 variations, are found in Europe outside of Germany. In the German States there are nearly 50 orders, with more than 300 degrees, variations, decorations, &c. Prussia has 9 or 10 orders; Bavaria, 9; Saxony, 5; Wurtemberg, 4; Baden, 3; Hesse, 3; Reuss, 2, and several other States 1 each. The number of decorations yearly conferred on Prussian subjects is enormous. They are given but by the hundred at the annual *Ordensfest*, held on the 18th of January, and sometimes as many as 1,000 are conferred on this occasion. The expenses of the Order Commission in 1879 amounted to 170,000 marks, of which 120,000 marks were spent for decorations. It has been estimated that not fewer than 100,000 Prussian subjects have been decorated, of whom about 30,000 have received orders. This would make 1 decorated person for every 25 inhabitants, and 1 knight of an order in every 90 of the population. Military officers seem to be specially favored in the distribution of these honors. It is said to be exceptional to find an officer, unless very young, who has not received a decoration of some kind. But the honors are scattered among civilians with hardly less prodigality. They are conferred, almost as a matter of course, upon Ministers, high Court functionaries, diplomats, Presidents of Government boards, &c. When a public functionary has successfully carried out any important national business, or when he celebrates his jubilee of long public service, he is decorated. Distinguished scholars also come in for their share. When a sovereign goes to a foreign watering-place he decorates the physician, the Chief of Police, and a number of railway officers. When a Prince lodges with a private person or reviews troops, decorations are sure to follow. When a Prince leaves the University, the Professors whose lectures he attended, the Rector, the Curator, and intimate family friends receive orders. The physician is rewarded with a decoration, as well as a fee, for curing a member of the royal family. The fellow-travelers of Princes share in these honors, and when a foreign sovereign visits the country his entire suite is remembered. After a war—as in the case of the Franco-German war—it fairly rains decorations, not only upon military officers, but upon medical men and those who have distinguished themselves by gifts, subscriptions, caring for the wounded, &c. In fact, pretty much everything in the way of distinction is rewarded with a decoration. Austria, also, has a number of orders and decorations, and confers a good many, but not nearly so many in proportion to the population as Germany. The number of Austrian subjects who possess orders is about 6,500.

GENERAL NOTES.

Fast Day has been appointed in Maine for Thursday, April 15.

Gen. Grant has telegraphed to New-Orleans that he will be in that city all the first week in April.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodhue, of Berlin, Vt., recently died on the same day and were buried in the same grave.

The Vermont Democratic State Committee is to meet in Waterbury on Thursday to issue the call for the State Convention.

Boston papers say that Controller John Kelly is to deliver a non-political lecture at the Boston Theatre, on Sunday evening, April 11, in behalf of the St. Mary's Infant Asylum, and that Gov. Long will preside.

A resident of Castleton, Vt., makes an earnest appeal through the Rutland *Herald* to some wealthy citizen to begin a fund to assist "the terribly-oppressed and starving colored people from the Southern States, in their laudable attempt to become citizens, by 'domicil' in the free States."

The Augusta (Me.) *Journal* has a preposterous estimate, but which it claims is from a very careful and accurate calculator of national political affairs at Washington, which predic

PASTOR BOWMAN'S FIGHT

THE TROUBLES IN THE MORRISTOWN METHODIST CHURCH.

THE CLERGYMAN'S EFFORTS TO EVADE THE DECISION IN FAVOR OF DR. OSMUN—FORCED AT LAST TO RESTORE THE LATTER'S NAME TO THE ROLL OF THE CHURCH—THE CONGREGATION DIVIDED INTO TWO FACTIONS.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., March 29.—The scandal centered with the Methodist Episcopal Church of this town is now at an end, so far as it can be brought to an end. When Dr. S. R. Osmun was tried last November by a committee chosen by his Pastor, Dr. Bowman, for conduct unbecoming a Christian, he was convicted by a unanimous vote of the ecclesiastical court, and his name ordered to be dropped from the roll of the church. Dr. Osmun, through his counsel, Mr. Allen, appealed from the judgment, and the case was carried before another court, sitting in Orange, and presided over by Elder Van Horne, of Newark. Notwithstanding the appeal, to the benefit of which Dr. Osmun was entitled according to the Book of Discipline, Dr. Bowman carried out the judgment of the first court before the soundness of its verdict had been tested, and struck from the roll of his church the offending parishioner. This was something like hanging a man while the argument for a new trial was being delivered, and in acting as he did, Dr. Bowman made a grievous mistake, the result of which was to complicate matters seriously, and to continue a quarrel which should legally have ended over two months ago. The Orange committee promptly reversed the first verdict, and declared that Dr. Osmun was still a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Morristown. This action took the Pastor completely by surprise, and he found himself burdened with a member of his church whose name appeared expunged in the rolls. The Orange verdict was rendered on the night of Dec. 29, and from that time until Saturday, March 19, the Pastor and his friends have busied themselves in trying to find some way of escaping the humiliation of being forced to place Dr. Osmun's name on the book from which it had been so foolishly erased last November.

All this time Dr. Osmun has been a regular attendant of the church, but his position in the society has been anything but an enviable one in the eyes of unregenerated observers. The Pastor has not spoken to him since the close of the first trial, and the two men have never met in the street since. Dr. Osmun was always a prominent leader in the prayer-meetings of the church, but since his trouble with the Pastor he has never been asked to lead the devotions. Free communion has been administered to him as to other members, but except in this respect he has been practically cut off from all fellowship with his shepherd and those of the flock who immediately surround him. To compensate in some small degree for this neglect, however, Dr. Osmun has been petted and coddled by a clique in the church composed of ladies and gentlemen who are hostile to Dr. Bowman. The result is that the church has been divided into two factions, both dwelling together in outward harmony, but each bitterly antagonistic to the other on the one question of supporting the Pastor. If ever a church was distracted by what appears to outsiders to be a most ridiculous quarrel, that church is the Methodist Episcopal of Morristown. Of charity there is none, and Christian fellowship, in the true sense of the word, is a thing unknown, and there is no prospect of any change in this state of affairs until Dr. Bowman or Dr. Osmun, or both, withdraw from the church and the town. Even since the court held at Orange not only declared the charges against Dr. Osmun not proved, but it ordered the replacement of his name on the roll of the church, from which it had been illegally stricken by Dr. Bowman. A failure to carry out this order, provided the proceedings were regular, and the finding was in accordance with the Book of Discipline, would have subjected Dr. Bowman to trial before the Conference for disobedience. By persons in a condition to know of what they speak, it is stated that it was proposed at first to run the risk of a trial and pay no attention to the order. Dr. Bowman is famous for his "pluck," and one of his friends says that when he is convinced that he is right he acts without fear of consequences to himself or the church over which he presides. But in this case he found himself in a difficult predicament. He had forced Brother Osmun to trial for breach of the discipline, and all through the trial he and his counsel had dilated upon the enormity of the sin of violating the rules of the Church. He could not, with any consistency, therefore, commit that same offense. There was no hurry, however, about obeying the order of the second court. No charge could be made against him until the Conference met at Paterson, and he had nearly three months in which to look about him and survey the field. The proceedings of the Orange court might show some irregularity which would furnish a loop-hole of escape, and after much patient thought, the Pastor and his friends thought that they had found the irregularity.

Presiding Elder Van Horne, in putting the question to the court at Orange on the night of Dec. 29, did not follow the course usual in such cases. He called for a vote on the reversal of the original verdict first, instead of on the approval, as recommended by Baker in his legal work on the Discipline. Eight members of the ecclesiastical court voted yes on the question of reversal, and but one voted no. Here was the loop-hole for escape. The Pastor and his friends at once jumped to the conclusion that the eight gentlemen who voted yes had mistaken the question, and supposing it to have been put according to custom and Baker, had intended to vote for an approval of the verdict. Letters were written to several of the gentlemen, with copious references to Baker, and asking them if they knew for what they had voted. The answers received completely upset the theory of a fraudulent verdict, which it was hoped to establish. The gentlemen said that they knew perfectly well for what they voted, and that they had to reinstate Dr. Osmun, and to see if laymen had any rights in the Methodist Church which Pastors were bound to respect. As there was now no question as to the intentions of the court, the only thing remaining was to attempt to set aside the verdict on the ground of irregularity. Dr. Bowman had no appeal from the decision, but if the proceedings could be shown to be technically irregular, the Bishop might be induced to interfere and remand the whole subject back to Morristown, in which event the entire case would have to be tried over again.

With this object in view, a recent meeting of the Morristown Conference was held, at which six members, who were friends of Dr. Bowman, were present. A set of resolutions was drawn up and passed, declaring that the verdict of the Orange court was null and void, because the question had not been properly put according to Baker. This document having been formally signed, Bishop Wiley was invited to Morristown, and on Friday evening, March 19, he received calls at Dr. Bowman's house. That night the troubles in the church were freely discussed by the Bishop and the Pastor, and on Saturday morning the two went to Newark to consult with Presiding Elder Van Horne. Dr. Bowman produced his resolutions, but they did not meet the views of his superior. Bishop Wiley said that the rule, as laid down by Baker, was simply Baker's opinion as to the way in which a question on appeal should be put. It could in no sense be taken as the law of the Church. The Discipline, which is the only law recognized as authority, gave no direction as to the form of the question, and Elder Van Horne had a right to use his own judgment in the matter. He had made no mistake that the Bishop could see. The whole case was full of blunders, and the most terrible blunder of all was that made by Dr. Bowman in removing Brother Osmun's name pending the appeal. The Bishop then advised Dr. Bowman to return to Morristown, record the name of Dr. Osmun again on the roll, and assign him to a class. This advice Mr. Bowman followed, so far as recording the name was concerned; but it he has assigned his parishioner to a class, he has not taken the trouble to inform either Dr. Osmun or his friends of it. The Conference met at Paterson on the following Tuesday, and the matter closed without the presentation of any charges against Dr. Bowman.

The open quarrel between Mr. Bowman and Dr. Osmun has now ended for a time, but it has left the Morristown Methodist Church in a pitiable condition. Just previous to and during the celebrated first trial, between 40 and 50 of the friends of Dr. Osmun demanded their certificates and left the church, starting an opposition society in a hall in Market-street. These people have not returned to the church, and will not return, so that the congregation is seriously depleted in numbers. The members who remain in the church are at war among themselves, and the usefulness of the society as an agent for Christian work is almost completely destroyed. Dr. Osmun's friends are now anxious to have him restored to his class-leadership, but as that is wholly in the discretion of Dr. Bowman, there is little chance of their desire being gratified.

BITTERNESS AMONG DEMOCRATS.

THE DIVIDED PARTY IN SOUTH CAROLINA—EXPRESSIONS AT FOOR OPINION OF TILDEN.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 29.—The decision of the Democratic State Executive Committee to select delegates to the Cincinnati Convention and at the same time nominate State officers, when the convention meets, June 1, has increased the feeling of enmity between the Hampton and Gary wings of the Democracy. It is a departure from party precedents, and is regarded as a scheme to insure Johnson Hagood's nomination for Governor. The opponents of the State-house Ring are exceedingly bitter in their denunciation; they pronounce it an injustice to the farmers, who are busy during the two months preceding the date of the convention, and are, therefore, unable to attend the primary assemblies; they also claim that the retiring Executive Committee has no right or authority to pledge the South Carolina Democracy to any line of policy in advance of the adoption of the national platform. The arguments of the friends of the measure—that it will save time, that it is important the people should know the candidates as early as possible, and that the opening of the campaign need not be hastened by the nomination—are met with the counter-assertions that the time, until June 1, is insufficient for the masses to decide upon the most suitable men, that the agricultural interests will suffer, and that it will enable the "soreheads" to organize formidable opposition. The Gary men or "straight-outs" will devote their efforts for the present to the procuration of delegates who will oppose the nomination of a State ticket before September, by which time they think Gary will develop sufficient strength to control the nominations.

Nothing has yet been done to foreshadow the Democratic plans for the next campaign. The recent Supreme Court decisions in the election cases make necessary a change of front—the old line, marked by violence and fraud, is no longer safe. Those who have been most active in former campaigns seem now the most inert. Many clubs and several oath-bound organizations have been started, but lack of confidence and an utter absence of the braggadocio displayed on like occasions is noticeable among them. An influential Democrat said to-day: "This matter has assumed a serious aspect; our people cannot afford to fight the United States Government in another election, no matter what the result may be." Late developments indicate that David Davis is gaining strength as a Presidential candidate; Judge Field is also mentioned, but Bayard is still the choice of a large majority of the leading Democrats in this State. Tilden is spoken of only as the candidate who cannot win, and the *News and Courier*, the mouthpiece of the State-house Ring, disposes of him briefly, thus: "Tilden is unfit morally, mentally, and physically to be President."

Among the small coterie of Hampton's supporters, who manage to keep their heads cool on all occasions, and to whose intuitive shrewdness and unscrupulous boldness Hampton owes his seat in the United States Senate and the Democracy its recent triumphs, none stands out more conspicuously than F. W. Dawson, principal editor of the above-named journal. He is an uncompromising advocate of what is erroneously termed the "Hampton policy," and his merciless applications of the party whip have frequently prevented a "bolt" when such an event was imminent. While the Confederate cruiser Nashville was moored to the dock at Southampton, England, in the early part of 1862, Francis W. Dawson, then a beardless youth, conceived the idea to offer his services to Capt. R. B. Pegram, her commander. The proposition was declined, and the young Englishman resorted to strategy to accomplish his wish. The Nashville had proceeded some distance down the British Channel before Dawson, who had smuggled himself on board in sailor's garb, was discovered. His intelligence and modest behavior during the voyage to Beaufort, N. C., gained him the friendship of the officers. He served in the Confederate Army, and rose to the rank of Captain. He was equally successful in his journalistic career, and from a reporter on Richmond papers he is now proprietor and principal editor of the *News and Courier*. He is a fluent and impressive speaker, and an accomplished writer. Not being an admirer of the mode in which gentlemen settle disputes in South Carolina, he declined, on several occasions, pressing invitations to become a target. On one occasion he was challenged by the famous duelist Rhett, and on another by Gen. Gary, for the productions of his pen.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE OPERA SEASON.

The second performance of Verdi's "La Forza del Destino," last evening, was, in some respects, an improvement on the first, but the general effect was scarcely equal to that of the earlier representation. It was a distinguished performance for Mr. Mapleson's incomparable artists, Signor Campanini and Signor Galassi, but there was no doubt that they and Signor Del Puente, in his humorous delineation of the Fra Melitone, carried off the honors, and that the female rôles did not rise to popular expectation. Mrs. Swift was much better in the last act than in the early portions of the opera, but in none of it was she equal to her original performance. In the duo with Padre Guardiano, which is one of the most powerful scenes of the opera, she lacked the necessary strength and spirit. In the last scenes of the fourth act she was better than in any other portions of the work, and was quite effective. Miss Cary's rendering of Preziosilla was bright and charming. She was not in as good voice, however, as was desirable, and in the aria "Al suon del tamburo," as well as the "Rataplan" at the close of the third act, she appeared to lack force and tone. In the latter scene she was encored, and repeated the number with exceeding vivacity. If however, the two ladies did not come up to the highest standards, the tenor and baritone made ample amends. Nothing that Signor Campanini has done this season was more thrilling and powerful than his performance in the fourth act, which in the duo with Don Carlos was superb, both as a vocal and dramatic effort. The first scene of the third act, which concludes with the aria "Oh, in che la sono," was likewise most beautifully given. Indeed, he never missed an opportunity, and acted with all his superb magnetism and wonderful power, while his voice was managed with the rare art that has made him without doubt the first tenor of the world. Signor Galassi shared with Signor Campanini the honors of the evening. In the fourth and fifth scenes of the third act he was magnificent in his action, and his delivery of the music was perfect. The aria "Urna Fatale del mio destino" and "Ah Egli a solvo" were so grand and impressive that the audience could hardly appreciate their merit till too late to award the applause they deserved. Signor Del Puente made a marked feature of the comparatively minor part of Fra Melitone, and was rewarded with well-deserved applause. The versatility of this gentleman, and his invariable artistic singing, has been conspicuous this season. This buffo character is one which demands exceptional qualities which an artist who has made his fame as Mephistopheles and Rossini's barber would hardly be expected to shine in. Nevertheless, Signor Del Puente was admirable and thoroughly at home. Her Behrens was less successful than on the first night, but the "cuts" which were made in his music were doubtless confusing, and to this circumstance may be attributed a somewhat distracting lapse on his part. The opera was judiciously shortened by Signor Arditi. It is to be regretted that so much of it has of necessity to be played on a darkened stage, which it is irksome to look upon. To-night "La Favorita" will be performed by Miss Cary, Signor Campanini, and Signor Del Puente, who gave the work with such great success last week.

HAVERLY'S MASTODON MINSTRELS.

Niblo's Garden has seldom been so crowded as it was last evening at the first performance in that house of Haverly's United Mastodon Minstrels. When the four curtains rose, which concealed four rows of gentlemen in full dress, with ebony-colored faces, the seats were all full, and the aisles were occupied whenever the Building laws permitted. The first part of the entertainment enlisted the services of 40 performers. The sentimental ballads, "Plant Sweet Flowers" and "The Warrior Bold," were sung by George W. Morley and Harry W. Sam, respectively. The old English ballad, "Sally in our Alley," was sung by T. D. Dixon, and Billy Emerson "brought down the house" with his rendering of "Brannigan's Band." The first part ended with a representation of the old Volunteer Fire Department, in which the members of the company, by a rapid change of dress, appeared in the traditional fireman's costume, with the number "40" on their fire-hats. After a drill, a transformation scene disclosed an old-fashioned hand-engine, over which posed the Goddess of Liberty in a blaze of red fire. The second division of the entertainment introduced Sam Devere, the famous banjo-player, and a clog-dance by 26 performers. Billy Emerson gave a vocal description of the "Metropolitan Policeman," and the Spanish Students were parodied by "The Spoonish Students," introducing 13 members of the company. The "Four Claws Ontrass," a burlesque performance in which a menagerie, trained horses, and other component parts of a well-regulated circus were introduced, brought the performances to a close.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.

Messrs. Rice and Nunnemacher, who, to quote their announcement, "have leased this theatre for the purpose of presenting to the New-York theatre-going public a series of superior attractions," began their charitable work last night somewhat awkwardly. The play produced under their direction, "Hearts of Oak," and performed by Mr. James A. Herne's company, was received with no hearty demonstration than polite decision. Such a result was regrettable, for the stage-setting and stage-management showed that the utmost pains had been taken to present the play in a careful, artistic style. It is, unfortunately, true that "Hearts of Oak" hails from the liberal and aesthetic West, and that it comes to us crowned with honor and glory; but it is none the less a dull, long-winded, ultra-sentimental drama of a kind long deceased, and, we had hoped, not liable to resurrection. The story upon which this "powerful, realistic home drama" is based does not lack interesting elements, though these do not rise above a mildly idyllic plane; they might be utilized with good effect in a two or three act piece, but in a six-act drama they resemble a few tea-leaves battling with a solid quantity of water. Some persons in the audience last evening may have recognized behind the slightly-changed dress of this piece an old domestic drama called "The Mariner's Compass," not a bad specimen of its class—homely, direct, cheap, and fairly interesting. Mr. J. A. Herne has simply taken this ancient concoction, refashioned its story and leading situations, and embroidered the whole with a large amount of the dreariest, silliest dialogue to which the public have been invited to listen since the memorable performance of the late Mr. Perdicaris's masterpiece. Not content with this strong achievement, Mr. Herne has freely announced "Hearts of Oak" as an original American play, though this announcement was repudiated, in a fashion, in last night's programme. It was originally produced by him in San Francisco under the title of the "Chums," and a second version of "The Mariner's Compass" has lately been brought out in Chicago as "The Love of two Sailors." Some other enterprising person, also from the West, is now, we are informed, prepared to produce the play in its original nakedness. May he never rest if he does! It will be seen, therefore, that "Hearts of Oak" is not wholly devoid of interest, and that Mr. Herne is to be credited with a brilliant plagiarism. Unfortunately, plagiarism is never excusable (according to a certain code of morals) unless one improves one's predecessor, and this Mr. Herne has not done. It is but just to add that the many realistic stage effects which flavored the performance were admirably arranged, though the contrast between the elaborate details of management and beauty of scenery on one hand and the miniature-like simplicity on the other was painfully ludicrous. Of the acting nothing need be said here, for at no point did it rise above mediocrity.

PARK THEATRE.

Lotta amused a large audience at the Park Theatre last night, her reappearance in "The Little Detective" giving to the occasion a certain flavor of novelty. It is likely that her engagement will be a popular feature of the season, though, for that matter, the capricious public are quite capable of turning the cold shoulder toward even as bright and cheery a little creature as our irrepressible Cigala. To say that Lotta has changed since she was last here, either for the better or for the worse, would not be truthful; for, unlike most worldly things, she seems to be immutable. She is as pure, as sparkling, as ingenuously bold, and as thoroughly charming as ever. She has not grown one whit as an actress, she has no singing voice to speak of, and she defies the sober common sense of the American *bourgeois*. But she is altogether, a very interesting character—and one is always willing to take her for just what she is. It is pleasant, moreover, to be able to say of Lotta—what cannot be said of many—that she never suggests the common and the vulgar, even when she is most inclined to risk a slight dig at the conventionalities. "The Little Detective," which served to introduce her in six different parts, is a poor enough play, but it fulfills its purpose to a certain degree; at any rate, Lotta makes it interesting. Her real character in the story is that of a remarkable young female, Florence Langton, who disguises herself during its progress as a Somersetshire lass, an old nurse of the Partington type, a fast young man, an Irish boy, and a Dutch girl. To recount the singular adventures of the estimable Miss Langton, and the conduct of which she is guilty while under these disguises, is a task not to be undertaken lightly, and therefore we will pass it by; suffice it to say, briefly, that Lotta changes her dresses with dispatch and plays her many parts without flinching. She was creditably supported last night by Mr. Ed. Marble and her regular company. Next Saturday afternoon she will be seen in "Musette."

A MURRAY HILL WEDDING.

MARRIAGE OF MR. GREGORY SUTTON TO MISS BELLA JEX.

A very quiet wedding ceremony, in the English style was performed by the Rev. Dr. Llewelyn D. Bevan, at the Brick Church, Fifth-avenue and Thirty-seventh-street, at 4:30 P. M., yesterday. The groom was Mr. Gregory Sutton, son of the late G. A. Sutton, of the firm of D. & A. Kingsland & Sutton, and the bride Miss Bella Jex, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jex, No. 69 East Thirty-fourth-street. About 250 invitations were issued, the guests embracing representatives of the most distinguished families in New-York society, but consisting mainly of young people. The bride was in a beautiful toilet of white satin and point lace, with bridal veil, bouquet, and jewels. Miss Emily Jex, the sister of the bride, wore a toilet of white silk, with delicate feather trimming and garniture of point lace. Mrs. Jex, mother of the bride, wore a magnificent toilet of black velvet and lace, with under-dress and tablier of cream-colored silk. Mrs. Haines was in black velvet, garnished with fleecy drifts of lace. Her ornaments were diamonds. Mrs. Thomas Power wore a magnificent robe of Japanese silk, with diamond ornaments. Mrs. A. N. Rathbone was in cerise silk and brown velvet, trimmed with point lace. Mrs. Sutton, mother of the groom, wore a robe of black velvet, trimmed with heavy folds of point.

After the ceremony there was a brilliant reception at the residence of the bride's parents. The house was tastefully decorated with smilax and flowers, and the wedding collation was served in the front parlor on the second floor. Among the guests were Mrs. C. K. Sutton, the mother of the groom; Mr. Gardiner the Misses Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Clement C. Moore of Sing Sing; Mrs. C. S. B. Ostrander, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Rhines, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, of Boston; Miss Faye, daughter of Mr. Thomas Faye; Mrs. Dubois, Mr. and Mrs. Power, the Rev. Dr. Bevan, Mr. A. P. Dyett, Mr. R. W. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. H. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. David Gregory, Mr. Charles Gregory, the Misses Moffet, Miss Van Steele, Miss Emily Dereze Jex, Mr. James T. Robinson, and many other distinguished persons. The presents comprised an endless variety of silver ware, jewels, articles of vertu, objects of art, &c., but were not exhibited to the guests—it being one of the latest caprices of fashion for persons sending bridal presents to request that they shall not be shown.

THE STORY OF A NEW-JERSEY TRAMP.

Coroner Wiggin, of Hoboken, began an inquest last evening in the case of William Rehman, who a few days ago presented himself at St. Mary's Hospital, in Hoboken, and asked to be admitted. His clothing appeared to have been burned, and his head, face, and arms looked as though he had been through a fire. He said he was homeless, and that while he slept in the open air in King's woods some tramps built a fire near him and held him over the blaze till he had been "nearly roasted." Coroner Wiggin could find no proof in support of the man's story, but has lately had reason to believe that the man slipped into the gas-works on Willow-street, and while sleeping there was covered and burned with molten coal. Charred fragments of a man's clothing have been found near the lime furnace.

A BELLE OF FORMER DAYS

DANIEL S. DICKINSON'S WIDOW.

MRS. LYDIA DICKINSON DYING AT HIGH BRIDGE—A SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF A CELEBRATED SOCIETY WOMAN.

Mrs. Lydia Dickinson, wife of the late Daniel S. Dickinson, has for weeks past been lying dangerously ill at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel J. Courtney, at High Bridge. For weeks past the life of the venerable lady has been despaired of, and yesterday her physician, Dr. Henry Paine, said that she would hardly live the week out, as fact was liable to drop off at any moment. The disease from which she suffers is dropsy, aggravated by other complications incident to old age. In early life Mrs. Dickinson's social and personal accomplishments, added to the high political position and deserved fame of her husband, made her a notable figure in the society of New-York and the national capital. She was born in June, 1803, in the township of Unadilla. Her father, Dr. Colby Knapp, was a leading citizen of Southern New-York, the founder of the village of Knappsburg, in Chenango County, 12 miles from Unadilla. Her maternal grandfather, Col. Elihu Murray, was an officer of distinction during the Revolutionary war, and was attached to Washington's staff. His daughter Lucinda, (afterward Mrs. Dickinson's mother,) was a noted beauty. In her girlhood, Mrs. Dickinson attended the well-known Oxford Academy, at Oxford, N. Y., where, among her fellow-pupils, were Horatio Seymour and Ward Hunt, afterward Judge of the Court of Appeals. Daniel S. Dickinson, then unknown to fame, was a rising young wool-dresser, who, though he had never gone to School more than two weeks in his life, was ambitious of doing something better. He fell in love with Lydia and married her, she being then 19 and he 22. Woman-like, she was quick to discover her husband's talents, and urged him by every means in her power to persevere in his law studies, and fit himself for a high position in life. The Rev. Mr. Gastin, of Guilford, was Dickinson's tutor, and taught him Latin and surveying, and other branches, in the evening. Dickinson working patiently at his law books in the daytime. In Winter, he taught school to pay the expenses of his education. For seven long years he labored, cheered and encouraged by the smiles of his young wife, until at last in 1829, he was admitted to the Bar of Chenango County. Three years later he removed to Binghamton, where he speedily outdistanced other competitors, and became the acknowledged leader of the Bar in the southern counties. His fame quickly spread to New-York and Albany, and in half a dozen years he served successively as State Senator, Judge of the Court of Errors, Presidential Elector, and Lieutenant-Governor of the State. In 1844 Gov. Bouck appointed him to fill an unexpired term in the United States Senate, and in the year following he was elected by the Legislature for the full term of six years.

Mrs. Dickinson entered heartily into all her husband's projects, and rejoiced as became a devoted wife at his unexampled advancement. She accompanied him to Washington, and took a prominent part in the social life of the capital. Their Summers were passed at the Senator's beautiful home, on the outskirts of Binghamton. Mrs. Dickinson's fame as a hostess was wide-spread, and the mansion and grounds on the banks of the Chenango were the constant resort of distinguished guests from all parts of the country and from Europe. Dinners, entertainments, and other social festivities followed each other in rapid succession, and few persons of note visited Binghamton without partaking of the Senator's hospitality. James M. Mason, of Virginia; George Peabody, the London banker; Charles O'Conor, Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana, and several of the foreign Ambassadors were frequent guests. In 1852 Mr. Dickinson was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore, and pledged to the nomination of Cass. After fruitless ballotings Virginia led off with a solid vote for Dickinson, and would have been followed by other States but for the splendid fidelity of the New-York Senator, who, with the coveted prize in his grasp, was too loyal to his pledges to accept it at the expense of Cass. After a brief pause he rose and withdrew his name in a short speech of classic grace and eloquence, which roused the enthusiasm of the audience to the highest pitch and caused him to be fairly pelted with bouquets by the ladies in the galleries. His devoted wife, who but for this incident might have been mistress of the White House, sympathized with him throughout the trying ordeal. At the close of his Senatorship she retired with him to their home on the Chenango, where the declining years of their lives were spent amid troops of friends. They had four children, two of whom died and were buried on the banks of the river. The two daughters, Mary and Lydia, became, respectively, Mrs. John T. Mygatt and Mrs. Courtney. The former, who resides at Fort Washington, is known among her friends as an authoress of acknowledged repute. After her husband's death in 1866, Mrs. Dickinson removed to New-York, where she has since resided. She was a life-long member of the Episcopal Church, and is remembered as one of the five original communicants of Christ's Church, Binghamton.

In person, Mrs. Dickinson was tall and slender, with dark blue eyes, dark brown hair, and gentle manners. Though naturally of a modest and retiring disposition, she possessed great spirit and determination, and which shone forth in times of trial or emergency. Years after Mr. Dickinson had attained his fame, he visited the Hotel academy at Oxford where his wife had been educated. To the assembled magnates of the village who came to greet him, he said "that though he had never studied at their institution, he had carried off its greatest prize." Five days before his death, when he was 66 years old, and his wife 63, he penned a peerless tribute to her, entitled "To Lydia," three verses of which are as follows:

"We started hand in hand to tread
The checquered, changeful path of life,
And with each other, trusting, thread
The battle-fields of worldly strife.
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"No change of life, no change of scene,
No fevered dreams, no cankering cares,
No hopes which are, or ever have been,
Nor wrinkled brow, nor silver hairs,
* * * * * *
"Have ever changed that vow of youth,
Or blotted it from memory's page,
But rather as love and pure as truth,
It ripens with the frost of age."

EQUAL TELEGRAPHIC PRIVILEGES.

THE AMERICAN UNION MAY RUN WIRES ABOVE OR BELOW THE WESTERN UNION'S.

An injunction was obtained some time ago by the Western Union Telegraph Company restraining the American Union Telegraph Company from erecting poles and stringing wires in Washington-street, between Vesey and Cedar streets. The latter corporation then obtained a similar injunction against the Western Union, and subsequently got an order to the officers of the Western Union to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt in allowing the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company to erect poles and string wires in the disputed territory. The ground for the issuance of the order to show cause was an allegation that the Gold and Stock Company was an ally of the Western Union, and as such erected the polls and wires on its behalf. A decision was rendered yesterday, by Judge Daniels, in Supreme Court Chambers, practically dissolving both injunctions, and denying the motion to punish the Western Union's officers for contempt. The opinion documenting this decision contains a careful review of the claim of the Western Union Company that the erection of poles and the running of wires in Washington-street by the American Union would materially interfere with its business by interrupting the electric currents, &c., and that it should be protected against another party having no greater privileges in the use of the street. The evidence to support the counter-claim of the American Union, that experience has shown the practicability of maintaining two sets of poles and systems of wires in the same territory without interference one with the others, is also carefully reviewed. Judge Daniels arrives at the conclusion that the poles and wires of one company can be placed above or below those of another without affecting the capacity or ability of either to carry on the telegraph business, and that the completion of the work which began the American Union Company will not interfere with any right heretofore acquired by the Western Union in Washington-street while it will insure advantage to the public. Judge Daniels therefore modifies the injunction got by the Western Union so as to permit the American Union to run up its poles, cross-arms, and wires in such a way as to avoid contact with the plaintiff's wires, or, in case of such contact, to avoid its effects by proper insulation. The injunction procured by the American Union against the Western Union is made subject to the same condition. With respect of the contempt proceedings, Judge Daniels decides that the order to show cause must be discharged, for the reason that the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company, though it is controlled by the same officers and its stock is owned by the same parties as the Western Union, is a different legal entity, for which acts the Western Union Company is not responsible.

A BRAVE FLAGMAN AND HIS REWARD.

Julius Mirch was for some years a farrier in the German Army, and for a long time was the favorite horse-shoer of the Emperor William. Coming to this country, he had an arm taken off at the Erie Depot, in Paterson, N. J., and the Erie Company appointed him flagman at the Division-street crossing in that city. Last Friday, just as a freight train was approaching the crossing, he saw a splendid team of horses, attached to an elegant carriage containing two ladies, dashing along the street toward the crossing, the driver having lost control of them, while he shouted for help to stop them. Mirch says that in the German Army he was taught a secret for stopping horses, and, unarmed as he was, he unhesitatingly sprang at the horses' heads, and gaining his peculiar grip on them soon brought them to a stand-still, just in time to escape the approaching train. The ladies were helped out, half frightened to death. The lady was recognized as Mrs. Charlotte Forsyth, the widow of the late locomotive-builder, who left her a fortune of two or three million dollars. It was reported around Paterson yesterday that Mrs. Dunforth had sent Mirch a generous present, but the gallant flagman on being asked about it declared that she had sent her coachman to him with only two silver quarters, which he indignantly went back with a message that he would not accept any such reward for risking his life.

GENERAL RAILWAY NOTES.

LAST YEAR'S WORK OF DIFFERENT ROADS—NEW PLANS FOR OPERATIONS.

BOSTON, March 29.—A bill, drawn by Attorney-General Marston, on Attorney-General Train, and the Hon. William Wirt Warren, was given to the Railroad Committee to-day, entitled, "An act to regulate contracts made between railroads in this State and those having great Western connections." The bill allows the Boston and Albany to make contracts with the New-York roads, but under certain restrictions, and the Railroad Commissioners of the State are to be the arbiters. The bill provides that no road in which the State is a stockholder or to which it has loaned its credit shall make any contract with a foreign corporation by virtue of which the operation of the two roads shall in any manner be controlled by a single management, unless by special act of the Legislature, and beyond this all contracts shall be declared void. The privileges under the general railroad law in regard to consolidations are reserved to the corporations. In other words, it places the Boston and Albany, the Hoosac Tunnel or the Fitchburg Line, and the New-York and New-England on an equal footing.

It is proposed to put on two new trains between Boston and New-York, leaving each city at 4 o'clock P. M. If the project is carried out, the 3 o'clock P. M. train from New-York will be made an accommodation, and the same train from Boston will become an Albany train. The new trains will meet near Windsor, Conn., and will reach Springfield going east at about 8 o'clock, and going south at about 6:45 o'clock.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 29.—The twelfth annual report of the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railroad (Bee Line) has just been issued. The gross earnings were: $3,753,067 96. The expenses were: For operating, $2,098,907 53; taxes, $117,013 54; interest on bonds, $425,180; total, $2,234,501 07. Net earnings, $518,466 89; dividend, $374,770; surplus for the year, $149,696 89. Compared with 1878, there was an increase of $230,254 17 in earnings, and a decrease of $6,420 24 in expenses. The floating indebtedness has been extinguished by the addition of $228,000 to the bonded indebtedness, which now amounts to $6,350,000.

DES MOINES, March 29.—The President of the Central of Iowa Railroad has made a report dated March, 1880, in which he says that the only claim remaining unpaid is an exhorbitant counsel fee for $15,000, which will be contested. When this is settled, "the company will be free to accumulate earnings for distribution among its beneficiaries, and the payment of interest will begin in July next." The report further shows that the earnings for the six months of 1879 were $482,751 16, an increase of $395,866 25 under the earnings of the previous year. The expenses were, in the same period, reduced from $215,289 57 to $210,529 92.

PHILADELPHIA, March 29.—The annual report of the Summit Branch Railroad for 1879 makes the following showing: The gross receipts were $966,017 57; total expenses, $913,154 61; five cents per ton for depreciation of lands, $10,638 15; total, $923,802 16; net receipts, $45,815 38; interest on debt and taxes, $92,821 99; loss on the year's business, $47,006 57. It appears by the details of "operating expenses" that the "delivery division" was run at an excess of 94.46 per cent, of the gross earnings, while the "railroad division" cost 99.97 per cent, netting $41,851. The business of the Lykens Valley Coal Company, owned by the Summit Branch, is as follows: The gross receipts were $974,307 60, and the expenses were $650,501 61, a loss of $46,283.97. The profit and loss account is charged with $16,719 81, as "loss from wastage on coal sent to Boston wharf during the preceding 10 years," and $80,714 08, "the amount of advances made to the Lykens Valley Coal Company." The profit and loss account of the Summit Branch is $1,154,453 95 on the wrong side, lost to date; and the Lykens Valley Coal Company is $489,475 80 the same way.

Following was made public to-day by the President of the Pennsylvania Railroad: "The Board of Directors, in accordance with the statement contained in the last annual report, have directed a restoration of the pay of all persons in the service of the company to the compensation in force at the time of the reduction of June 1, 1877, to take effect from and after April 1 next.

ST. PAUL, March 29.—The report of the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad Company for three seven months ending Dec. 31, 1879, gives: Railroad receipts, $408,512 32, an increase over the corresponding period of 1878 of $120,619 98; operating expenses, $279,791 96; net receipts, $128,720 36; adding the net receipts from the land department, the total was $223,884. The interest on bonds, $112,977 17. The North-western equipment trust was reduced to $161,500, which is payable May 1, 1880. The preferred stock was reduced to $4,708,862 12. The common stock outstanding is $4,055,497 51. The total unsold aggregates 2,718,502 37 acres. The St. Croix branch will be finished to Chisago Lake by July.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., March 29.—The wages of the employes of the New-York and Long Branch Railroad, and the New-Jersey Southern Railroad, both now operated by the Central Railroad of New-Jersey, will be increased on April 1. The men receiving $50 or less a month will obtain an advance of 20 per cent, and those receiving over that amount 10 per cent.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 29.—The special committee of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, appointed several months ago to consider the question of Western railroad connections, submitted an elaborate preliminary report to-day showing the advantages of Charleston as a port of entry and export for the trade of the North-western States. It is said that the report lays stress upon the necessity for an additional line of railroad connecting the North-western railroad system with the South Atlantic, and it is claimed that this line must run east of Chattahoochee and find its terminus at Charleston. Gen. Gillmore, of the United States Engineers, who is now here supervising the construction of the harbor jetties, speaks with much confidence of their effect in giving a depth of water on the bar which will admit the largest vessels.

THE ADULTERATION OF SOAPS.

IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW-YORK, March 31, 1880.

Dr. A. N. Bell, Editor of the Sanitarian:

DEAR SIR: I have for a long time been a reader of the *Sanitarian*, and have received much valuable information from its pages. It is, I know, extensively read by the thinking portion of the community, who look to it and to what you have to say bearing upon the health of the people as the highest authority. Hence, I take the liberty of inviting your attention to a subject which I believe is strictly within the scope of sanitary inquiry, as well as of great interest to the people in its economic aspects. I refer to soap, in the manufacture of which I am largely engaged, and I conscientiously believe that the soap of my make is the best and cheapest, because it is well made and strictly pure, and, therefore, free from the dangers and defects common to a large amount of various makes constantly on the market.

And a chief object I have in writing this letter is to elicit from you not only an expression of opinion in regard to the injurious effects of impure soap, but if possible to expose the frauds foisted upon the public by making them easy of detection. Yours, very truly,

CHARLES A. HIGGINS.

"THE SANITARIAN" OFFICE,
NEW-YORK, March 26, 1880.

Chas. S. Higgins, Esq.:

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your letter of 21st instant, and would assure you that I appreciate the importance of the subject to which you invite my attention. The adopted maxim of the *Sanitarian*, that "Public Health is Public Wealth," seems to find special significance in its application to soap, which ought to be the symbol of purity and health. * * * The filthy perquisite of the untidy kitchen maid, who, by stealth or necessitation, stores up "scan fat" until it becomes offensive to the household, instead of burning it day by day, is, to say the least, a dangerous beginning in the process of soap-making. * * * Moreover, soap, I know, may be made to include impurities of a totally different sort—to make weight—and wholly regardless of the influence of impurities added for this purpose on the health of the people who use it. But the subject so expands by the thinking of it, I must defer its further consideration to a future time. Truly yours, A. N. BELL.

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ABUSES OF CITY CHARITY

CONFERENCE WITH THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES.

THE PER CAPITA ALLOWANCE SYSTEM—THE PROPOSAL TO CUT DOWN THE RATE BY LAW—ABUSES OF THE SYSTEM AND THE REMEDIES.

The State Board of Charities called for yesterday morning a conference of representatives of charitable institutions receiving a per capita allowance for their inmates from the City. The immediate purpose of the meeting was to consider the question of this allowance and the charity system generally, which, it is acknowledged by well-informed and impartial persons, have been much abused. These abuses have produced their natural consequence, and bills have been introduced in the Legislature to cut down by direct enactment the allowances made by the City to charitable institutions. The attendance at the meeting yesterday was unexpectedly large, too large, in fact, for the room in which it was held. Mr. Theodore B. Bronson, of the State Board of Charities, presided, and associated with him were Mr. Edward C. Donnelly and Mrs. Josephine Shaw Lowell, also members of the board. Mr. James O. Fanning, Assistant Secretary, of the board, was Secretary. The roll was called of the charitable institutions invited to send representatives, and the following responded:

For the Nursery and Child's Hospital—The Hon. Erastus Brooks, Mrs. A. E. Sullivan, Mr. J. W. Ellis, Mrs. M. Kingsland, Miss Emma Mix, Mrs. Patterson, Mr. John Riley, Mr. R. H. L. Townsend, Mrs. Kerfil, Mrs. Thomas Hicks.

Catholic Protectory—Henry L. Hogner, President; John E. Develin, Brother Adrian, (lay Director,) Mr. Fiord.

Juvenile Asylum—Mr. J. R. Wetmore and Mr. Kingsley.

Protestant Episcopal House of Mercy—Unrepresented.

Roman Catholic House of the Good Shepherd—Mrs. Barry.

Magdalen Benevolent Society—Mrs. Hoffman.

Union Home and School for Children of Volunteers—Unrepresented.

Foundling Asylum—John E. Develin, John O'Brien, Mrs. Thebaud, Mrs. Dunnak, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Develin, Mrs. Bowlen, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Wallace.

Infant Asylum—Mr. Clark Bell and Dr. J. Foster.

Society for Relief of Destitute and Crippled—A. R. Wetmore, Alexander Agnew, James Knight, M. D.

Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum Society—Myer Stern.

Children's Fold—The Rev. Dr. Peters and E. J. Patterson.

Infirmary for Women and Children—Lucius Tuckerman, Robert Haydock, Dr. Emily Blackwell, Mrs. R. Haylock, Mrs. J. T. Kirby, Miss Mary Cotton, Mrs. Grace H. Dodge, Mrs. Thomas Hicks.

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children—Elbridge T. Gerry.

Mr. Bronson, the Chairman, in opening the meeting, spoke as follows: "In 1865 the amount paid by the City to various asylums, reformatories, and other charitable institutions for the support and maintenance of inmates chargeable to the County was $136,650; the amount appropriated for the year 1880 is $996,257. In both these sums are included the charges for pupils in the Blind and Deaf and Dumb Asylums; but in 1880, to arrive at the whole amount to be paid to private institutions for the support of the poor, the Excise fund must be added, which in 1879 amounted to $342,512. In 1865 the sum appropriated for the Department of Public Charities and Correction was $988,450; in 1880 it is $1,248,383. That is, the City of New-York paid $1,125,000 for the support of its dependent and criminal classes in 1865, when the City had a population of 726,386, (or about $1 50 per head,) while in 1880—only 15 years later—with an estimated population of 1,115,000, the City will spend about $2,600,000, or more than $2 60 per head. The facts presented seem to us a fitting subject for calling this conference, and we hope a free interchange of views may be had in reference to them. As a movement has been made in the Legislature with a view to reducing the per capita allowance, it has seemed proper to us to call your attention to the same."

At the conclusion of these remarks each institution was called upon in turn, and its representatives presented their views.

Mrs. A. S. Sullivan, speaking from prepared notes, showed that the cost of keeping women and children in the Nursery and Child's Hospital was such that the allowance now made to that institution could not be reduced without detriment to the inmates. She showed in detail the cost of keeping the women and children, and the necessity for giving them good and abundant food. Mary A. De Rois, from the same institution, submitted some observations in regard to the rules which should be observed in the conduct of the four institutions aided and supported by the City for the care of lying-in women and infants. She urged that every effort should be made to have orphans and deserted children adopted in private families as soon as possible. All children of 4 years should be placed in country village homes, thoroughly watched by agents appointed by the societies. Children of 4 years of age who cannot be adopted should be removed from asylums and placed under the care of Protestant or Catholic institutions already organized, or sent to the Children's Aid Society for future distribution.

Mr. Hognet said they had, in the institution with which he was connected, investigated the cost of keeping the inmates with the closest scrutiny with a view to reduce the cost, and they had brought it down from $140 per capita, at which it was a few years ago, to a little over $129—a saving of about $10 per capita per year. There were no salaries paid to the officers in the institution; they had refused their expenses to the lowest possible figure, and if the allowance made to the institution were reduced they would have to make up the deficiency from outside sources.

Mr. Kingsley said the Juvenile Asylum received an allowance of $110 per capita, but their chargeable beggar, Mr. Wetmore, begged from $10,000 to $20,000 a year more from friends, and with this and the public allowance they could just make both ends meet. Unless the cost of supplies should be increased they could partially support themselves on such a reduction of the per capita allowance as had been proposed. The institution was under large charges for placing children in homes in the West, which was the most satisfactory part of their work, but for this the City made no allowance. With the outside help they were able to do this work, but he should join with the representatives of other charities in objecting to any reduction of the allowance now made.

Mr. Barry, for the Roman Catholic House of the Good Shepherd, said there were no salaries paid to its officers, but with the most rigid economy they were only able to just cover expenses with the allowance they now received. Mrs. Hoffman, for the Magdalen Benevolent Society, said they received $110 per capita, while the expense of keeping the inmates was $128 per capita with the closest economy which could be exercised.

Mr. John E. Develin, for the Foundling Asylum, made a long speech strongly against the proposed reduction of the per capita allowance. There were no salaried officers in the asylum. They had an average of 1,550 children, and were at an immense expense for nurses, for which the City made no allowance. Mr. Develin then went into general considerations about the good work done by the charitable institutions, how they had increased morality and decreased crime, and in this way gave the public more than a full return for the money paid. He did not believe the bill to reduce the allowance would pass. Senators would be ashamed to pass such a measure.

Mr. Clark Bell, for the New-York Infant Asylum; Mr. Myer Stern, for the Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum Society; Dr. Peters, for the Children's Fold of the City of New-York, and Mr. Lucius Tuckerman, for the New-York Infirmary for Women and Children, spoke in turn for their respective institutions, showing the work that they did and the cost of it, and each objected to the proposed reduction.

Then Mr. Elbridge T. Gerry, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, spoke, and his remarks started a general and exceedingly animated debate on the abuses of the charity system in the City. Mr. Gerry said that his society only had the care of children for a few hours. They placed them in the institution with which they have 1,700 of them, and if they did not the society took them out, and sometimes took the institution alone also. He had to deal not with one but with all the institutions, and from this fact was able to take a broad view of this question. In his opinion, one of the chief evils of the charity system was the vast number of commitments of children made to the institutions. Parents who were well able to support their children had them committed. Men sometimes married a second time who had children by their first wife, and they would try all sorts of ingenious means to get their burden taken from them. When they could not get the children committed by criminal magistrates, they would go to civil magistrates to get it done. Mr. Gerry said he had had a bill prepared, which had been introduced into the Legislature by Mr. Mitchell, forbidding the commitment of children except by Judges of the Supreme Court; or by magistrates of a court having criminal jurisdiction. Institutions for the care of children were multiplying beyond the real needs. There are at present four institutions for the care of children in this City, which are sufficient for all demands, and which could easily do much more work than they are now called upon to do; yet, in face of this, there was a bill now before the Legislature to incorporate a Protestant Infant Asylum.

Mrs. Lowell—Yes, and we do not know who the incorporators are.

Mr. Gerry—And give it the same per capita allowance as the New-York Juvenile Asylum.

Mrs. Lowell next spoke at some length and with much animation of the abuses of the charity system of the City. She also, from her position, had to deal with all the institutions, and was able to take a broad view of the question. In her opinion, the City was paying too much for charity. She did not think it a matter of pride, as Mr. Develin had said, that the City pa'd $2,500,000 yearly for charity. It was tempting people to establish charitable institutions as a commercial speculation. She should like to believe that crime had been diminished, but it would have to be proved to her. She would say at her own knowledge that the 13 institutions represented here were well and economically managed, but there were others springing up which were not so. She then referred to the bill in the Legislature for incorporating the Protestant Infant Asylum, which had no incorporators mentioned in it. All the people would have to do who started this would be to hire a house, take in some children, and come to the City for its allowance. She knew of one institution which was overcrowded, badly ventilated, and badly managed, and ought to be broken up. Mrs. Lowell did not mention the name of this institution at the time, but afterward gave it as the Deborah Nursery. The commitments made to this institution were done without proper investigation. They could not depend upon the Police Magistrates to do this. She was in favor of organizing a central board, composed of representatives of the different institutions, being empowered to investigate the commitments and also to investigate the distribution of the children afterward. Mrs. Lowell suggested that a resolution to this effect be passed.

Mr. Hognet thought it would be better to keep to the special object for which the meeting was called, viz., the abuses of the per capita system. Mr. Gerry, Mr. Clark Bell, and other spoke on this pressing subject. Mr. Bell stating that if institutions went on multiplying as they had been, making each its demands on the charity funds of the City, the end would be that there would be such a reaction in public sentiment that public aid would be cut off from charitable institutions entirely, and the good and the bad would be made to suffer indiscriminately. Mr. Gerry intimated that things were coming to such a pass that there would be an investigation of some charitable institutions, such as had been made two months ago. Finally, on the suggestion that Mrs. Lowell's proposed resolution would be too broad, the following was unanimously adopted, after which the meeting adjourned:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of a member of each society represented at this conference, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Elbridge T. Gerry, consider the question of the abuse of the per capita system of City relief and their remedies.

THE CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

A REMONSTRANCE AGAINST THE PASSAGE OF THE SENATE BILL.

The following remonstrance against the passage of Senate bill No. 194 to amend the charter of this City has been extensively circulated for signatures:

"It destroys executive responsibility, without which good Municipal Government is impossible. It takes from the Mayor, the Chief Executive of the City, the power of nominating or appointing heads of departments, and vests the absolute power of appointment, without nomination by the Mayor, in a board of three officers, of whom the Mayor only was elected by the people for that purpose. After Jan. 1, 1881, appointments are to be made by the concurrent votes of all the members of a board, to consist of the Mayor, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and an Alderman to be chosen by a minority of the Board of Aldermen. Only one of this board is to be elected directly by the people for the discharge of this duty; and any member can prevent any appointment, except upon such terms as he may choose to exact, thus reviving the scheme of Tweed to make appointments and tenure of office depend upon the bargains of partisan leaders. Officers appointed by a majority vote of the board in 1880 will hold over so long as any one member of the subsequent board shall not agree to the appointment of their successors, thus creating an oligarchy of office-holders, irresponsible to the people, who can only be replaced by the concurrence of all the factions represented in the distribution of official power and spoils. The officers constituting this appointing board will be a majority of the Board of Finance, charged with the making of appropriations for the City Government, thus concentrating the money-raising power, the money-spending power, and the appointment of the favorites who are to spend it, in the hands of officers selected because of their subserviency to partisan influence. The efficient head of the Department of Public Works, Allan Campbell, is to be replaced by a dead head, and the same system is to be extended to other departments. Under this system, efficiency, economy, and the interests of the public will be lost sight of in the squabbles and bargains for place and patronage between political factions, each represented by an officer of equal authority with his associate, and with no arbiter to settle differences arising between them.

"The bill contains other features in our opinion most objectionable, as, for instance, the unconstitutional extension of the term of office of a head of a department by the Legislature, the removal of all restraint upon the replacement of subordinates by the new Commissioners, and the transfer to the Police Department of the collection and custody of the Excise moneys which are devoted to the maintenance of our charitable institutions. The waste and extravagance from the loose and inefficient administration which must result from the provisions of this bill, in our opinion, dwarf into insignificance the small reduction of salaries, which is urged as a reason for passing a measure framed in disregard of all sound principles of public administration. While the leading characteristics of this bill are thus vicious, its detailed provisions are so ambiguous that their meaning could only be determined by protracted and expensive litigation. Meanwhile the validity of the acts of Municipal authorities would be involved in doubt, which would tend to decrease revenue, invalidate assessment, and prevent improvements, while fostering extravagance and peculation."

"GENTLEMAN JO" INDICTED.

THE GRAND JURY CHARGE HIM WITH TRYING TO BLACK-MAIL DR. DIX.

The Grand Jury yesterday took up the case of Eugene Fairfax Williamson, alias "High Churchman," alias "Gentleman Jo," who was arrested for attempting to black-mail the Rev. Dr. Dix, Rector of Trinity Church. The only witness examined was Superintendent Gayler, of the Post Office. A number of Williamson's postal cards, circulated for the purpose of annoying the family and injuring the reputation of Dr. Dix, were submitted, and an indictment for attempted extortion was promptly found and presented to Judge Gildersleeve, in General Sessions. The indictment is based on the letter in which Williamson informed Dr. Dix that his persecution could be stopped by the payment of $1,000, and threatened that if this sum was not paid information damaging to the reputation of the Rector of Trinity would be furnished the newspapers. This letter was signed "An old classmate—J. T. M.," and the indictment, which is found under chapter 288 of the Laws of 1878, sets forth that it was sent to Dr. Dix for the purpose of extorting money from that gentleman "against the statute made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the people of the State of New-York." The offense constitutes a misdemeanor, which is punishable on conviction by a year's imprisonment in the Penitentiary, and a fine of $250. Williamson will be arraigned before Judge Gildersleeve to-day, and will be defended by Mr. Algernon S. Sullivan. It is probable that the defense of insanity will be interposed.

Williamson was brought up from cell 56 in the City Prison before Justice Bixby, in the Tombs Police Court, yesterday afternoon. His counsel stated that the Grand Jury had found an indictment against the prisoner, and the magistrate remarked that in view of this it would be unnecessary to go into any examination, and added that as soon as the commitment was received from the District Attorney's office, he would discharge Williamson on the commitment issued under the original complaint made by the Hon. George Bliss. While he was speaking, a note was handed him from the District Attorney's office stating that a commitment, under the Grand Jury indictment, was on its way to the Tombs. Justice Bixby thereupon indorsed a discharge on his own commitment of the prisoner. The latter appeared cheerful. As he left the bar of the Grand Jury's action, "Doesn't that look like a snap judgment?" asked he. "Or, rather isn't it 'railroading' my case?" He said he had received a number of letters during the day, and had written a number himself. He certainly knew the result of the indictment, and has from the very first expressed great anxiety about the complaint being pressed against him. He says the Tombs is "an awful place." He looks much worse than when he first entered the prison, and attributes the change to the anxiety and worry incidental to his trying and mental suspense. He continually reiterates the lies that he had no malice whatever in writing his flood of annoying letters to Dr. Dix.

COL. "MIKE" CREGAN AT THE BAR.

Among the prisoners in the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday morning, was Col. "Mike" Cregan, the Clerk of the Sixth District Civil Court. He had been arrested by Patrolman Kelvns Finnerty, of the Fifteenth Precinct, on a charge of interfering with the officer in the proper discharge of his duty. Cregan's temper had been considerably ruffled by his sojourn in a cell in the Mercer-Street Police Station, and as he marched to and fro in front of the bar he denounced his arrest and detention as a great outrage. "The idea," he said, "of locking up the Clerk of one of the New-York courts in a cell was ridiculous, and not to be borne." The officer who had arrested Cregan had also in custody James H. Carson, who keeps a drinking place at No. 48 East Thirteenth-street, and he stated to Justice Otterbourg that, at 2:20 A. M. yesterday, while passing Carson's place, he found a stranger on the sidewalk bleeding from several wounds on the head and face. The wounded man said he had been assaulted in Carson's place, and after his assailants had beaten him they threw him into the street. The officer went to Carson's place and attempted to enter, but he alleged that Cregan, who was in the place, held the door against him, seized him by the throat, and forced him out. Procuring assistance the officer forced his way into the saloon and arrested Carson for violating the Excise law, and Cregan for interfering with him in the discharge of his duty. They were locked up in cells at the Mercer-Street Police Station. Cregan did not deny that he had obstructed the officer, but contended that the policemen had no right to enter the place against the consent of the proprietor to arrest a person for assault without a warrant. The magistrate held this view of the matter and discharged Cregan from custody, but required Carson to give $100 bail for trial for violating the Excise law. Cregan gave bail for Carson and he was released. During the melee at the saloon, the man who was found bleeding on the sidewalk by Finnerty, and who claimed to have been beaten in the place, disappeared.

WRETCHEDNESS IN A TENEMENT-HOUSE.

Superintendent Jenkins, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, learned yesterday that there was a family named Gordon in the tenement-house No. 342 West Thirty-ninth-street which needed assistance. Officer Lundberg investigated the matter, with Patrolman Fredericks, of the Twentieth Precinct. In squalid apartments on the fourth floor of the tenement-house they found John Gordon, aged 35; Margaret, his wife, aged 30, and their four children, named Kate, aged 9 years; John, aged 7; Robert, aged 5, and Joseph, aged 2 years. Gordon and his wife were both lying drunk on the floor, and the children were playing about the room. The woman was so drunk that she could not be roused, and was taken to the station-house in a cart. The room was filthy in the extreme and contained scarcely furniture. The children were filthy and dressed in rags and had a half-starved appearance. It was learned from the neighbors that Gordon and his wife are habitual drunkards, and continually neglected and abused their children. The youngest child was found to be suffering from severe burns on the lower portion of his body, which, it is said, were received by his having been dropped on a hot stove by his mother. This child was cared for at St. Mary's Free Hospital for Children, in West Thirty-fourth-street. The other children were taken in charge by Officer Lundberg on behalf of the society. Gordon was arraigned before Justice Otterbourg, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, and committed for examination.

THE INCREASE OF IMMIGRATION.

There were landed at Castle Garden, since Saturday, 2,479 immigrants. The City of Berlin brought 1,184, the Adriatic 594, the Spain 447, and the Mass 254. The number carried by the City of Berlin is the largest landed from one vessel since 1873, when the Egypt brought over 1,400. The total arrivals for March to date, foot up 19,635, which is considerably more than three times the aggregate for the entire month of March last year. A large proportion of the new arrivals were a very respectable class of Irish, nearly all of whom were provided with through tickets to the Far West. The passengers by the Mass were mainly Hollanders, bound for Wisconsin. Men, women, and children all wore heavy wooden shoes, and the women were decked out in a curious head-gear, composed of a cap of light muslin, to which was fastened a long cape. Many were handsomely embroidered, and the majority were ornamented by a large spiral cone of gilt wire, one of whose ends was apparently to fasten the cape to the hair. Some of the older matrons had quaint-looking straw hats stuck on top of their caps. They reported that there will be a very large immigration from Holland this year. Among the other arrivals were 126 more destitute Hungarians from the flooded districts, for whom the Commissioners were obliged to provide food yesterday. There is a good demand for skilled labor at present. The Commissioners yesterday received a note from the builders of the Rockaway Beach Hotel calling for 200 carpenters, and guaranteeing them two days' overwork per week. An iron firm also sent a request for 50 machinists.

A FIGHT BETWEEN BROTHERS-IN-LAW.

Hugh Donohue, of Eighth-street, Jersey City, is a brother of the wife of John Mahoney, who lives in the same neighborhood. Mrs. Mahoney has not lived with her husband for some time. Sunday she went to his house to demand some goods belonging to her, and he struck her. She called upon her brother to avenge her wrongs, and Donohue, armed with a carving-knife, sought the violent husband. There was some angry words, then Donohue stabbed Mahoney under the ear, making an ugly, but not dangerous, wound. He fled to New-York at once, and has not yet been arrested. Mrs. Mahoney, fearful of being taken into custody as an accessory, left her 5-weeks-old infant in an unfrequented hallway and fled, too.

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

The following business was transacted at the Exchange yesterday, Monday, March 29:

John T. Boyd, foreclosure sale, William V. Leary, Esq., Referee, sold the four-story brick dwelling, with lot 32.6 by 98.9, No. 210 West 42d-st., south side, 100 feet west of 7th-av., for $30,000, to Edward Ferguson, plaintiff.

E. F. Raymond, foreclosure sale, E. S. Dakin, Esq., Referee, sold the four-story brown-stone front dwelling, with lot 20.5 by 81, No. 804 2d-av., southeast corner of 43d-st., for $14,700, to Samuel Wertheim.

Rickard V. Harnett, foreclosure sale, John H. Bikes, Esq., Referee, sold a plot of land, 200 by 107.3 by 200 by 121.4, on the 67th-st., south side, 206.5 feet west of Avenue A, for $35,000, to John D. Lynch; and two-story frame dwelling and stable, with plot of land 100.4 by 200, on 1st-av., south-west corner of 58th-st., sold for $28,000, to same purchaser. Also, similar sale, John W. Searing, Esq., Referee, sold seven lots on East 62d-st., south side, extending from Avenue A to East River; also, land under water, adjoining above, for $17,500, to Stephen B. Fish.

C. J. Lyon, foreclosure sale, Edward E. Wells, Esq., Referee, sold a plot of land, 199.10 by 150, on 11th-av., east side, block front between 187th and 188th sts., for $4,000, to Philo Clarke, plaintiff.

The foreclosure sale by S. T. Mayer, of the six houses, with lots, on East 94th-st., west of 3d-av., was adjourned to April 12.

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Monday, March 29.

Birmingham-st., No. 7, 20x37.6; Hannah L. Covert and another to Jacob Covert and another	nom.
Water-st., No. 851, 16.8x70; George G. Grant and wife to Mary A. Grant	$3,000
William-st. s. w. s. 400 ft. s. e. of Courtlandt-av., 50x100; B. Schroeder, Executor, &c., to J. Kraser	1,800
3d-av., w. s., 77.8 ft. n. of 14th-st.; 25.7x79.8x irregular; James M. Bass to Sophia J. Briggs	nom.
8th-av., s. s., 75.8 ft. e. of 26th-st., 25x100; S. P. Schall, Referee, to Eliza Ann Schall	13,000
10th-av., s. s., 74.1 ft. e. of 40th-st., 74x100; Lewis Fink and wife to John Fink and another	18,250
17th-st., No. 23 West, 25.8x92; Sarah A. Fawcett and others to Laura F. De Coppet	25,000
41st-st., s. s., 300 ft. w. of 10th-av., 75x98.9; David Carr and wife to Harriet L. Carr	500
48th-st., No. 113 West, 20x100.5; Frances M. Snow to Sophia J. Briggs, ½ interest	7,500
49th-st., s. s., 360 ft. e. of 8th-av., 20x100.5; William R. Michaels and others to Horace B. Fonda	13,500
70th-st., No. 24 East, 20x100.5; Rebecca R. Morris and husband to Elizabeth A. Barker	38,000
94th-st., s. s., 325 ft. e. of 10th-av., n. s. of Anthony's lane, 25x100; N. Jarvis, Jr., Referee, to Anne A. Larmande	8,000
Same property; Anne A. Larmande to Louis A. Arcenaux	28,740
27th-st., n. s., 275 ft. e. of 4th-av., 50x102.2; Anna L. Fisher to Elizabeth E. Willett and others	nom.
127th-st., s. s., 225.6 ft. e. of 5th-av., 37.6x100.4; E. D. Gale, Referee, to Charles Schultz	9,000
7th-av., s. s. corner of 128th-st., 49.11x75; Daniel F. Hill to John Davidson	12,500
77th-st., n. s., 275 ft. e. of 4th-av., 40x102.2; Elizabeth E. Willett and others to Joseph Hewlett	10,100
8th-av., n. w. corner of 83d-st., 50.4x100; John B. Stevens and another, Executors, &c., to C. H. Ludington	28,000
8th-av., w. s., to e. s. New-av. from 145th to 146th-st., 199.10x98; Martin M. Kellogg and another to William Thompson	23,000
8th-av., w. s., to e. s. New-av. from 144th to 145th-st., entire block; Martin M. Kellogg and another to John W. Robbins	20,000
254-st., No. 216 West, 23.6x98.9; Thomas G. Hage, mortgagee, &c., to Charles H. Dilley	19,000
Kings Bridge road, n. e. corner of Marrian-av., 215.10x irregular; Benjamin Berrian, deceased, 271x754x irregular; Franklin M. Berrian and others to Vernon R. Stevenson	10,500
116th-st., n. s., 310 ft. w. of 2d-av., 20x100.11; John T. Pyne and others, Executors, &c., to John McMurry	8,000
85th-st., s. s., 144.4 ft. w. of 1st-av., 75x100.5; James J. Walsh, Referee, to Anastasia M. Murray	nom.
60th-st., s. s., 300 ft. w. of 8th-av., 50x98.11; Louis Lowenstein and another, Executors, &c., to Anastasia M. Murray	13,500
Same property; Louis Lowenstein and others to Anastasia M. Murray	nom.
111th-av., s. s., 25.2½ ft. s. of 95th-st., 100.8x100; and, also, w. s. 111th-av., 25.2½ ft. s. of 95th-st., 50.4x26.1x51.2x35.7; Thomas J. McGahill and wife to R. Fellman	15,025
36th-st., n. s., 312.6 ft. e. of 2d-av., 18.9x98.9; John C. Cornell and wife to John Ryan	7,500
Same property; John Coffey and wife to Mary Corrigan	7,500
127th-st., s. s., 175 ft. e. of 6th-av., 18.8x99.11; John C. Fry and others, Executors, &c., to Jacob Shipsey	9,000
Woodlawn-st., Lot No. 3,557 in section 52; the Woodlawn Cemetery to Esther A. Brewster	122
Thompson-st., No. 264, 26x85; Maria Moss to Victor Vieu	8,000
Rector-st., n. s., 24.4 ft. w. of Eldridge-st., 13.2x50; William Kelly and wife to William Mathis	6,500
57th-st., s. s., 150 ft. e. of 7th-av., 50x100.5; William Elderkin to Robert A. Brown	nom.
Same property; Henry Gitterman and wife to W. W. Elderkin	34,000
8th-st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of Avenue A, 25.10x97.6; Emanuel Knobel and wife to F. J. Lambert	2,000
Same property; F. J. Lambert to Joseph Greenhand and wife	14,125
Madison-st., n. w. s., 126 ft. s. w. of Kings Bridge road, 25x100; Michael Curran and another to Mary C. Ryan	nom.
43d-st., n. s., 250 ft. w. of 10th-av., to s. s. 44th-st., 25x100.10; Emma A. Totten to William Allen	nom.
62d-st., n. s., 400 ft. e. of 10th-av., 50x100.8; Eugene Douglass to Mary E. Burns, ½ interest	1,200
84th-st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of 2d-av., 16x100.5; Lewis E. Jackson wife to Henry King and wife	7,750
30th-st., n. s., 250 ft. w. of 9th-av., 50x98.9; Emma A. Totten to Ira J. Tremen	nom.

LEASES RECORDED.

Charter Oak Life Insurance Company to G. H. De Loynes; her room on first floor of No. 94 and 96 Broadway, 2 years, rent | $1,200
Ryan, J., to J. Fier; No. 320 East 50th-st., 1 year | 800
Townstend, J., to A. Miller, s. s., 1038-st., 200 ft. w. of 1st-av., 25x100, 10 years, rent | 50

MORTGAGES RECORDED.

Church of St. Michael to the Washington Life Insurance Company; s. w. corner of 9th-av. and 31st-st., to s. s. 32d-st., 44 years | $60,000
Dayton, Cornelia A. J., and husband to B. R. Johnston; No. 109 West Broadway, 3 years | 1,770
Elderkin, William W., to H. Gitterman; s. s. 57th-st., e. of 7th-av., 1 year | 32,000
Fellman, R., to T. J. McGahill; s. s. 111th-av., s. of 95th-st., 3 years | 8,000
Hewlett, J., to Elizabeth E. Willet; s. s. 77th-st., e. of 4th-av., 3 years | 7,500
Jewell, Selma M., to William H. Johnston; s. s. West Broadway, s. of White-st., 3 years | 1,750
Keller, M., and wife to Caroline L. Macy; s. s. 86th-st., e. of 1st-av., 4 mortgages, 3 years, total | 28,000
Keller, M., and wife to John E. Deane; same property, 4 mortgages, 1 year, total | 2,000
Kemp, Margaret, to R. A. Baker; s. s. 126th-st., 100 ft. e. of 7th-av | 5,000
Kraser, J., to R. Schroeder, Executor, &c.; s. w. s. William-st., s. e. s. of Courtlandt-av., 3 years | 600
Ladington, C. H., to J. H. Stevens and another, Executors, &c.; s. w. corner of 86th-st., 3 mortgages, 5 years, total | 18,700
Lotz, J. J., and wife to E. Roosevelt; s. s. 14th-st., 3 years | 17,000
McCloskey, John, as Cardinal, to the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank; s. s. 85th-st., w. of 1st-av., 1 year | 12,000
McCloskey, John, as Cardinal, to Thomas J. O'Brien; same property, 1 year | 1,875
McMurry, J., to the Executors of William H. Fay, deceased; s. s. 118th-st., w. of 2d-av., 5 years | 5,800
March, C. E., and others to Anne W. Brown; s. s. Hallroad-av., n. of 9th-st., 3 years | 3,500
Mann, Ann E., to William Kerr; s. s. Hester-st., s. of Eldridge-st., 1 year | 1,000
Mills, Frances A., to W. H. Mead, Trustee, for s. s. 59th-st., e. of 8th-av., 1 year | 8,000
Murray, Anastasia M., to Thomas J. Lynch; s. s. 8th-st., w. of 1st-av., 3 years | 8,000
Murray, Anastasia M., and husband to Lewis Smith and another, Executors, &c.; s. s. 59th-st., w. of 8th-av., 3 years | 8,100
Pyne, Mary, and others to G. G. Grinnell; s. s. 124th-st., e. of 4th-av., 3 years | 5,000
Reed, Sarah E., and husband to Daniel Conley; s. s. 105th-st., east of 4th-av., 2 years | 1,350
Rennard, Ann, and husband to William Pickett; s. s. 56th-st., s. of 4th-av., 3 years | 1,667
Schmitt, T. E., and wife to Knickerbocker Life Insurance Company; s. s. 124th-st., to 125th-st., s. of 5th-av., 3 mortgages, 1 year, total | 24,500
Spencer, J. S., to William A. Gandwell; s. s. 107th-st., s. of 2d-av., 3 months | 5,500
Spenck, V., to William E. Mitsch; same property | 4,000
Tarrant, L. L., and wife to E. P. Doty; No. 211 6th-av., 3 years | 4,000
Vieu, Victor, to Augustus A. Levey; No. 324 Thompson-st., 3 years | 8,000

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGES.

Blodgett, G. H., to the Farmers' and Mechanics' Savings Institute and Trust Company, of Vermont | $3,500
Bowery Savings Bank to Annie Jay | 3,620
Corner, Adele C., to T. Corner, Sr. | 11,500
Fowler, Lindley B., and another, Adulthia Graham, &c., to Marie A. Tuttle and another, 3 assignments, total | 3,450
Hascall, E., to Thomas C. Hogg | 7,000
Hazard, J., to Pauline Hazard | 2,000
Kirk, Ky., to William Sturgess | nom.
Olwell, Maria L., to Victoria C. Olwell, 2 assignments, total | nom.
Olwell, Victoria C., to J. Olwell, 2 assignments, total | nom.
Sidebock, William S., to J. H. Sidebock | 8,000
Taylor, Jane H., to William M. Lent | 14,880
Willard, J., to L. B. Crane, 2 assignments | nom.
Zeuwert, Rieke, Executor, &c., to Harriet Gardiner | 6,643

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FOR SALE IN TWENTY-THIRD WARD—A first-class residence, built for owner's use, situated on Prospect-av. near Westchester road; 3½ acres of ground, thoroughly drained; fine stable; abundance of fruit; fine trees, hedges, and evergreens; convenient to station, steam-boat, and elevated road; house in good condition; three stories, with mansard roof, containing 13 rooms, besides bath, butler's pantry, servants, kitchen, laundry, and cellar; house supplied with gas and water. Apply to HUGH N. CAMP, 152 Broadway.

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A HANDSOME FOUR-STORY HIGH-STOOP and basement brown-stone residence, elegantly furnished, for sale or rent; all improvements, and in perfect order; East Side, No. 20 East 74d-st., within five minutes of all important places in Central Park. JOHN FOLEY, No. 2 Astor House.

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A MAGNIFICENT FULL-SIZE DWELLING, with dining, chamber, and laundry extension; 57th-st., between 5th and 6th-avs.; lot 25x100. E. STEVENSON, Jr., 1 Pineck, 35 East 17th-st., or 661 5th-av.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 30.

EXECUTOR'S SALE:

No. 176 Spring-street—Near Thompson; good brick house and lot.

Montgomery-st.—North side, 80 feet east of 8th-av.; vacant lot 21.5x100.

Brooklyn, No. 318 Flushing-avenue—Near Classon; large plot, with two fine houses.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31,

PARTITION SALE:

Ninth-avenue—South-west corner 34th-st.; brick house and lot.

Ninth-avenue—North-east corner 35th-st.; full lot.

Ninth-avenue—North-west corner 100th-st.; four lots and brick house.

Tenth-avenue—North-east corner 54th-st.; lot and three houses.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1,

PARTITION SALE:

Greene-street—West 34, north-east corner; six fine brick houses.

Washington-street—Nos. 239 and 241, near 4th-st.; two houses.

Nos. 24 and 26 Greenwich-avenue—Near West 10th-st.; two brick houses.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3,

Yonkers—Fine plot on Odell-av.

Nos. 204 and 206 West Twenty-sixth-street—Near 10th-av.; brick house.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6,

EXECUTOR'S SALE:

No. 540 Broadway—Near Spring-st.

No. 154 Washington—Corner Liberty-st.

Nos. 533 and 535 Canal-street.

Nos. 28 and 30 West Third-street.

No. 55 West Twenty-fourth-street.

Seventy-second-street and Eleventh-avenue—North-east corner; five lots.

Seventy-second-st.—Near 9th-av.; three lots.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MARCH 29.

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:30 A. M.

U. S. 4½ C. 52. | U. S. 4½ C. 52. | U. S. 4½ C. 52.
$12,000 ..... 108⅛ | $2,000 ..... 107 | 1,500 ..... 108⅛
U. S. 4½ C. 52. | U. S. 4½ C. 52. | 10,000 ..... 108⅛
$10,000 ..... 108⅛ | 10,000 ..... 108⅛

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—2:30 P. M.

U. S. 4½ C. 52. | U. S. 4½ C. 52. | U. S. 4½ C. 52.
$8,500 ..... 108⅛ | 3,000 ..... 108⅛ | 170,000 ..... 108⅛

SALES TO $ M.

Alabama, class A.		Illinois Central.		Chic. & Ohio.	
$1,000	81	100	107⅞	100	23⅞
N. Y., L. E. & W.		100	107⅞	100	23⅞
New 2d Preferred.		100	107⅞	100	23⅞
10,000	34⅞	100	107⅞	100	23⅞
10,000	34	100	107⅞	K. & Texas Cent.	
N. Y., L. E. & W.		Western Union.		200	75
1st pref. 2d mort.		100	104	200	76
4,000	81⅞	150	105⅛	200	77⅛
48,000	81	100	105⅛	100	77
Den. & Rio G. 1st.		200	105⅛	Kansas & Texas.	
3,000	104⅞	Pacific Mail.		100	43⅞
2,000	105	400	33⅞	100	43⅞
Int. Imp. & Sptg.		1000	33⅞	Lake Erie & West.	
10,000	103⅞	Mich. L. S. & N.		100	34⅞
N. Y. L. E. & W.		500	34	N. Y., Out. & Wes.	
1st lien.		100	44⅞	200	26⅞
2,000	104	200	44⅞	N. Y. N. H. & H.	
Ill. Cent. gtd.		Lake Shore.		100	196⅞
6,000	107	300	88.107⅞	Mobile & Ohio.	
St. L. & I. M. 1st		300	107⅞	100	35
land.		100	107⅞	Manhattan.	
10,000	91	Union Pacific.		100	36
Del. & R. G. 1st.		500	87⅞	100	36⅞
5,000	106	50	87⅞	100	35⅞
Erie 2d con. gold.		St. Paul.		1000	35⅞
1,000	90	100	84⅞	100	35⅞
C. & O. 1st con.		200	85	200	35⅞
1,000	69	100	xd. 81⅞	200	35⅞
St. L. V. & W. 2d.		100	81⅞	200	35⅞
11,000	95	100	81⅞	Northern Pac. pf.	
Mob. & O. 1st cons.		St. Paul pf.		200	52⅞
5,000	74⅞	100	127⅞	200	52⅞
Little Pittsburg.		Chicago.		200	52⅞
100	3⅞	300	bb. 56	200	52
60	3	W. St. L. & Pac.		100	52⅞
100	3⅞	100	15⅞	100	52⅞
100	3⅞	Wab. R. L. & Pac.		100	52⅞
200	3⅞	100	38⅞	Nash. C. & St. L.	
100	3⅞	100	38⅞	100	80
200	3⅞	200	38⅞	100	79⅞
500	3⅞	Del. Lack. & W.		400	79⅞
200	3⅞	200	bb. 93⅞	300	79
200	3⅞	200	bb. 93⅞	200	79⅞
New Central Coal.		1,000	93⅞	200	79
400	34	100	93	N. Y. Elevated.	
Con. Arizona Min.		100	93⅞	100	112⅞
200	10	Col. C. C. & I.		Balt. & Ohio.	
Standard Mining.		100	78⅞	200	38⅞
200	31	600	79	St. P. & S. C. pf.	
Amie Con. Mining.		Morris & Essex.		100	78
100	3⅞	100	109	100	78⅞
Mariposa Gas Coal.		5	107⅞	Ban. & St. Jo.	
100	50	Co. R. L. & N. O.		200	34⅞
Silver Cliff Min.		100	8	Ban. & St. Jo. pf.	
10	3⅞	100	29⅞	200	70⅞
Sutro Tunnel.		100	88⅞	200	70⅞
500	23	Chic., Bur. & Q.		200	70
500	23⅞	100	141	100	70⅞
Atlantic & Pacific.		200	144⅞	Ohio & Miss.	
100	42	Chicago & Alton.		200	36⅞
100	41⅞	100	xd. 135	200	36⅞
Amer. Dist. Tel.		100	135	200	36⅞
100	75⅞	200	135	200	37
N. Y. & Hav.		Central Pacific.		Ohio & Miss. pf.	
200	53.102⅞	100	77⅞	100	75
100	102⅞	100	77⅞	C. C. & I. C.	
100	102⅞	100	77⅞	100	18⅞
100	102⅞	100	77⅞	

PARTY STRIFE IN ENGLAND

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN RELATIONS.

MR. GLADSTONE'S CRITICISM OF THE MINISTRY—BRITISH FINANCE—ENGLAND'S PLACE AND DUTY IN EUROPE—IRISH TROUBLES.

LONDON, March 13.—The preliminaries of the great constitutional conflict may now be said to be complete. Sir Stafford Northcote has delivered his budget address, and Mr. W. E. Gladstone has issued his electioneering manifesto. Neither one nor the other call for much remark. The budget is practically what I forecast it long ago. It postpones present responsibilities, and while it reduces no existing burdens of taxation it imposes no fresh ones. It is a diplomatic budget, a retreat from immediate deficiencies in a discount of the future—a compromise. The Ministry might have been excused if Lord Beaconsfield had dissolved last year and left the financial troubles of the Government to the new Parliament. It was courageous to "face the music," but the Chancellor has "come up" with excessive caution, and has undoubtedly left himself open to severe criticism. Not that he could have avoided the strictness of Mr. Gladstone anyhow. Simultaneously with the long reports of Sir Stafford's financial statement in yesterday's morning papers, Mr. Gladstone publishes his address to the electors of Mid-Lothian. It is a summary of what he has said before in many a speech and pamphlet, with the exception of the following paragraph, added on Thursday night after the Chancellor of the Exchequer's speech:

"At home the Ministers have neglected legislation, aggravated the public distress by continual shocks to confidence, which is the life of enterprise; incurred and the public expenditure and taxation for purposes not merely unnecessary, but mischievous; and plunged the finances, which were handed over to them in a state of singular prosperity, into a series of deficits unexampled in modern times. Of these deficits it is now proposed to meet only a portion, and to meet it partly by a new tax on personal property, partly by the sacrifice of the whole sinking fund, to which five years ago we were taught to look for the systematic reduction with increased energy and certainty of the national debt."

Apart from this fling at the budget, the address is a general condemnation of the Ministry. It describes Lord Beaconsfield's letter as a terrifying document, designed "to hide from view the character and condition of the country." It charges the Ministry with straining the royal prerogative, with weakening the Empire by needless wars and unwise engagements, and with dishonoring the nation in the eyes of Europe by filching the Island of Cyprus from the Porte. It denounces the Ministry as aggrandizers of Russia at the expense of Turkey, and mocks the Government as a misnomer in being called conservative, while it keeps the nation in perplexity for fear of change. It points out that as to the domestic legislation of the future, the letter of the Prime Minister is a perfect blank, and as to the boasted "ascendency" in the councils of Europe, "the word 'ascendency,'" says Mr. Gladstone, "is best known to us by its baneful connection with Ireland."

"There is, indeed, an ascendency in European councils to which Great Britain might reasonably aspire by steadily sustaining the character of a power, not less just than strong, attached to liberty and law; jealous of peace, and therefore opposed to intrigue and aggrandisement from whatever quarter they may come; jealous of honor, and therefore averse to the clandestine engagements which have marked our two latest years. To attain a moral and unenvied ascendency such as this is, indeed, a noble object for any Minister or any Empire."

Brave words and earnest; but only words, only criticism. There is the same absence of a programme here as in Lord Hartington's address; the same limitation of ideas to mere protestation against the Government policy. Mr. Gladstone commits himself to nothing. He does not support Home Rule nor condemn it, though he adroitly fires the Conservatives with having resisted the tremendous changes which he and his Ministry wrought in Ireland. But beyond this shrewd bit of retrospect, a justifiable sop to the Home Rulers, he offers no opinion; he formulates no promise to the Irish Party. He says not a single word about what his party would do, should they come into power, in regard to the foreign and other engagements of the Ministry; he leaves the future in all things as much a blank as Lord Beaconsfield leaves domestic policy; he is content only to condemn every act of the Ministry, and to remind Mid-Lothian and the electors generally of the serious responsibilities that rest upon their shoulders. But what would Mr. Gladstone have done during these past six years? What would he do during the next six years? He does not say. We are only left to conclude that he would have done and would do exactly the opposite to what Lord Beaconsfield has done and might be expected to do. Rightly or wrongly, the answer which thoughtful politicians make to this is that Mr. Gladstone been in power Russia would not be ruling the East at Constantinople; and that the ex-Premier being returned at the next general election will be the signal for a general European war. The *Pall Mall Gazette* says if a Liberal Government comes into power it will only continue to exist at the discretion of the Irish members: "it must yield to their demands, it must submit to the outrageous temper in which these demands are made, (see Home Rule manifesto,) or after a few months of undignified efforts to maintain its place, fall into more disreputable ruin than in the last days of Mr. Gladstone's administration." The wire-pullers of both parties are sanguine of success; though the Carlton Club does not expect Lord Beaconsfield's majority to be more than 25 to 30. Singularly enough, this is the majority the Reform Club also counts upon. The unity of the Irish Party against the Ministry will undoubtedly make a serious difference to Lord Beaconsfield's partisans. It may even give the Liberals a majority. A great electioneering authority, whose sympathies, however, go with his forecast, declares the result a foregone conclusion. But my own personal inquiries lead me to a different conclusion.

THE EYES OF THE CONTINENT ON ENGLAND.

It is not a little curious to note how thoroughly in accord is the European press in regard to the importance of the issues involved in the general election. While the Liberals of the United Kingdom will regard Lord Beaconsfield's return as conducive to war, the leading European journals are almost unanimous in predicting a great war as the result of a Liberal victory. As affairs stand at present, the prospect is sufficiently gloomy whichever way the tide of public favor runs, whether it turns out for the Conservatives or not. The *République Française*, while it charges the present Ministry with having made many grave mistakes, declares the Liberals capable of committing infinitely graver ones. The *Temps* thinks Lord Beaconsfield wise in selecting the present time for dissolving Parliament, inasmuch as the Berlin treaty, with the exception of certain secondary clauses, has been fully carried out. Russia has a watch put on her movements by Austria, the African war is ended, the Afghan campaign as good as closed, Irish distress relieved, and trade looking up. The *National*, which, as a rule, is unfavorable to Lord Beaconsfield's policy, is confident of his success, the Liberals "instead of proclaiming the necessity for England taking part in the resolutions of Europe determining and limiting its action, having confined themselves to reiterating the assertion of indifference." Austrian and German press is almost enthusiastic in praise of the Ministry, and in prayers for its success; and this is met in Liberal circles by the report that should Lord Beaconsfield be returned again, he intends to make a treaty of alliance, offensive and defensive, with Germany and Austria, which will eventuate in a war between these powers against Russia, France, and Italy. The irritation in St. Petersburg against the French in regard to the Hartmann affair hardly maintains the probability of such an organization. Moreover, France has not yet forgiven Russia the refusal of her appeal in the height of her war troubles with Germany, when M. Thiers went post-haste to St. Petersburg in the depth of Winter to ask for Muscovite aid, and to be promptly refused. In addition to these set-offs to an alliance with Russia, there is a very cordial feeling of friendship between France and England. Even after Sedan there was a strong party here favorable to intervention to save France, and Mr. Gladstone's Government is generally condemned for not even risking a word of protest against the annexation of Alsace and Lorraine and the other hard terms of the Teuton conquerors. It is stated, with some show of authority, by the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, that M. De Freycinet sent a representative to London to ascertain Lord Beaconsfield's view of the extradition of Hartmann, the Russian Nihilist. The English Premier is reported to have said, "To give him up will be a great exhibition of weakness; send him over to England; we shall have no hesitation in dealing with the case." Nobody here believes that anything of the kind ever took place, but everybody knows what Great Britain would say to a demand for political prisoners. Its answer would be to the Czar that it was to Napoleon III. even when Lord Palmerston wavered over the Napoleonic demands, losing his place as the consequence of his temporary weakness. The ideal England of those who support a spirited foreign policy is not one of strong alliances, nor one of European combination; but England in opposition to any Power that wishes to break the peace; England in alliance with the weak in defense of liberty, and in furtherance of the interests of trade and commerce and the arts. It is not to be contended that it was during the long years of Liberal non-intervention, of Liberal indifference to European troubles, that great wars raged, dating in modern days from the time when Lord John Russell abandoned Denmark to her overbearing enemy after encouraging the King to fight and actually promising assistance. It need to be said in the days when France was powerful and feared, that "if France is satisfied Europe is quiet." It has been proved to demonstration that "England a leader in the councils of Europe is a guarantee of European peace." And herein lies the practical difference between the foreign policy of Liberalism and Conservatism: the latter fully acknowledge British obligations and responsibilities to the other European families of the great power of England; the latter disclaims all right or interest to aid in the regulation of European affairs. The England of John Bright disarmed, with troops no more numerous than those of the United States (3,000 miles away from European complications) and a navy not large enough to protect her commerce, would sink into a fifth-rate power and end in being annexed by her strongest neighbor.

JOHN BRIGHT AND IRELAND.

And, by the way, with the name of the illustrious member for Birmingham at the end of my pen, and with the Home Rule manifesto against Lord Beaconsfield before me, I am moved to quote some certain words of John Bright upon the causes of Irish distress and the motives of Irish rebellion. In the Parliamentary volumes of 3 Hansard, xcv., 982-985, touching the debate on the "Crime and Outrage (Ireland) bill, 1847 Mr. John Bright is officially recorded to have spoken as follows:

"The reason why the law is carried into effect in England is because the feeling of the people is in favor of it and every man is willing to become, and is, in reality, a peace officer, in order to further the ends of justice. But in Ireland this state of things does not exist. The public sentiment in certain districts is depraved and thoroughly vitiated. The great cause of Ireland's calamities is that Ireland is idle. I believe it would be found on inquiry that the population in Ireland as compared with that of England, do not work more than two days a week. When ever a people are not industrious, and are not employed, there is the greatest danger of crime and outrage. Ireland is idle, and therefore, and is starved. Ireland starves, and therefore, she rebels."

Lord Beaconsfield has never said anything like this against Ireland, and he has often shown a real anxiety to advance her interests. Mr. Bright, with his colleagues, comes forward now for the Irish vote, and will get it; but it is nonsense to say that either Liberal or Conservative Governments are hostile to Ireland. It is only agitators and time-servers who say so. In the old days when the Union was young, Ireland had grievances. The history of Ireland has bloody records of English injustice. So has the history of Scotland; so has the history of England; but these days are over. We live in the present. The Ministers of to-day must be judged by their acts, and not by the shortcomings of their predecessors. The curse and salvation of Ireland are the potato and the Catholic priest. Both the one and the other are inducements to apathy. An Irish family can live on potatoes, and does, in many districts, and a good harvest means quiet, lazy days, while the discipline of Roman Catholicism is intuited to individual effort and to national enterprise. If this had been John Bright's criticism of the idle habits of certain districts of Ireland, he would have spoken the truth, and if our English Government, or some great company under Government patronage, would take the potato districts in hand as if they were new colonies, invest money in them, drain them, cultivate them, build factories, and cut down the unwholesome domination of a superstitious priesthood, then Ireland would flourish, not "like the desert," as one of her members, by a slip of the tongue, said in the House of Commons the other night, but like those districts of Ireland where Scotch and English influences are powerful, and where a liberal Protestantism goes hand in hand with trade, where capital is protected, and where bullets are not regarded as the best current coin for the payment of rent and other obligations. Idle! Look at the Irishman in London! Look at him in Liverpool! Look at him in America! Look at him in the Army, in the harvest fields, on the railway track, in our mines, toiling on our quays, building our houses, blasting our rocks, sweeping our streets—everywhere a busy industrious citizen, and unfortunately, everywhere a tool in the hands of designing and dishonest agitators, a confiding, impulsive, generous, paradoxical man. If he would only use his power wisely and well he would soon rid his country of the grievances, whatever they may be, of which he righteously complains. But that would not answer the purposes of the men who play upon his love of country, flatter his national vanity, and climb to power, if not to influence, over his devoted and prostrate body. Ireland will always, it is to be feared, be England's difficulty, though with a genuine mutual effort on both sides she might be England's strength and glory.

EUROPEAN MALCONTENTS.

Hartmann has safely arrived in London. He was received by quite a distinguished party of French Communistic murderers, German Socialists, and Russian reformers, both male and female. It is said that the Czar will ask for the notorious Nihilist's extradition—that, indeed, the Government has already received a communication from St Petersburg on the subject. It would help the prospects of the Ministry just now if Russia should give Lord Beaconsfield what is significantly termed "a smack in the eye," either in regard to Hartmann, the refugee, or Merv, the Central Asian bone of Anglo-Russian contention. There is a gleam of hope for Russia in the latest news from St. Petersburg, which credits Gen. Loris Melikoff with a policy of leniency and reform. A large number of persons languishing in prison, who ought not to have been deprived of their liberty for a moment, are to be released; meanwhile, fresh arrests are made, and new victims fall by the way on the everlasting march of death to Siberia. The report of the recapture of Vera Sassulitch turns out to be incorrect. Though the greater severities of the Russian Police call attention away from the suppression of Socialism in Germany, the prosecutions in the Fatherland are of the most painful character. Herr Bebel's statements during the debate on the Socialist bill revealed many shocking instances of Police and military injustice. He mentioned a case where a boy was benulled with beer and cigars to criminate his father, a proscribed Socialist, and described how a certain lady, the wife of an exile, was aroused by Police officers in the middle of the night and compelled to dress in their presence before being conducted to prison. It cannot be but that both in Germany and Russia this diabolical system of espionage and tyranny and social persecution will one day bear bitter and bloody fruit for those who thus abuse the liberties and judicial rights of the people.

A PORT JERVIS LADY'S ADVENTURE.

On the 15th inst., while Miss Sarah Troy, a resident of Port Jervis, N. Y., but at present visiting friends at No. 540 Greenwich-street, was passing the corner of Hudson and Houston streets, she was assaulted by three ruffians, who robbed her of a gold watch and chain valued at $110, and escaped. Yesterday Detectives Flanagan and Dilks of the Ninth Precinct brought before Justice Otterbourg, in the Jefferson Market Police Court, George Babcock, Thomas F. Malhearn, and Joseph Kenney, the three young thieves. Kenney and Malhearn were captured by Detective Dilks, and offered a reward of $100 for the recovery of the stolen property, which was found in their room, at No. 68 Charlton-street. He sprang out of the window to the roof of a shed, and thence, by means of the fire-escape, he climbed up to the roof of the adjoining house, where he was captured. Miss Troy identified them as the fellows who had assaulted and robbed her. She was so overcome on seeing them that she fainted, and was so prostrated as to be unable to appear in court to enter a formal complaint. The officers explained this to Justice Otterbourg, and he upon remanded the prisoners to the custody of the officers until this afternoon.

OFFICER SULLIVAN ACQUITTED.

Officer James J. Sullivan, of the Fifth Precinct, in full uniform, was arraigned as a prisoner before Judge Gildersleeve in General Sessions, yesterday. The complainant was Thomas O'Halloran, employed by the American District Telegraph Company as night watchman. On the night of June 18 last, O'Halloran, in the discharge of his duties, was satisfying himself of the security of a door on Sullivan's post. The two men had known each other before, and no friendly feeling existed between them. The officer inquired O'Halloran's business, the latter made an impertinent reply, and a quarrel ensued. The two speedily proceeded to blows, and both he the armed with clubs, a lively clubbing match ensued. O'Halloran got the best of the fight, and Officer Sullivan was compelled to retreat to Hudson-st., where his wounds were dressed by Mr. Charles Murray. Next day each preferred a charge of assault and battery against the other, but that against O'Halloran was dismissed, while Sullivan was held for trial. On the trial yesterday, Officer Sullivan positively swore that O'Halloran was the aggressor, and proved an excellent character. The jury promptly acquitted him.

THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY

WHAT IT HAS BEEN AND WHAT IT IS NOW.

WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS—THE DEMAND ON THE AQUEDUCT—PREVENTION OF WASTE—SOURCES OF SUPPLY.

For a proper understanding of the work done during the past four years in the Croton Bureau of the Department of Public Works, it is necessary to give a brief description of the condition of the water supply at the beginning of that period. In 1875, the City had a resident population of 1,050,000, and a floating population, including people from neighboring towns and villages carrying on business here during the day of about 200,000, making a total of 1,250,000. As early as 1850 the Croton Aqueduct Board reported that the consumption of water was 40,000,000 gallons in a single day, with a population in the water district of not more than 430,000—being equal to 93 gallons daily per capita. The records of the Croton Bureau show that there was little variation in the rate of consumption from 1850 to 1875, when it reached 93,000,000 gallons per day, or a little more than 90 gallons per capita of resident population. Taking into consideration the increased demand for water from the introduction of steam into all possible branches of business, and even into domestic life, from railroads, and from modern conveniences in hotels, dwellings, and public places, the rate of actual waste of water was less in 1875 than in 1850. Placing the highest estimate of a liberal supply at 30 gallons daily per capita, the projectors and contractors of the Croton Aqueduct built it for an ultimate capacity of only 65,000,000 gallons per day, by filling it to the spring line of the arch. When the demand began to exceed that quantity, 14 years ago, it became necessary to increase the depth of water above the spring line, until it is now running within a few inches of the roof of the structure. The utmost capacity of the aqueduct was thus called into action five or six years ago, and the alternative presented itself of providing a supply for the constant accessions to our population, manufactures, and commerce by a new aqueduct, or curtailing the consumption per capita. Commissioner Campbell's predecessors considered a new aqueduct an immediate necessity. Surveys and estimates for a masonry conduit of 150,000,000 gallons capacity were made in 1873, the cost being estimated at $10,000,000. This did not include the cost of additional storage reservoirs, or other means to feed a new aqueduct, and a safe estimate of the whole cost of making such a structure available for use would not fall short of $15,000,000.

Mr. Allan Campbell entered upon his duties as Commissioner of Public Works in January, 1876. He considered that the City was in no condition to bear the expense of a new aqueduct, and that some other means must be found of increasing the water supply. In his report for the third quarter of 1876, he gave the conclusions at which he had arrived, which may be briefly summarized as follows:

First—The Croton River watershed will supply 95,000,000 gallons daily, which is sufficient for some years, provided the aqueduct and its accessories are kept in the highest state of efficiency, and waste is prevented by a compliance with the rules of the department.

Second—The Croton River watershed will supply more than double the present population, and in connection with other sources that can be made tributary to it, presents the most feasible and cheapest system for a permanent supply.

Third—Water should be conserved and led into the Croton as moderate expense, thus assuring an abundant supply, even for the distant future.

Fourth—The distribution in the City should be improved, and the loss of pressure from increased consumption and extension of distributing pipes counteracted by the establishment of additional high-service works.

Acting upon these conclusions, the necessary measures were taken to place the existing appliances for collecting and bringing water to the City in the most effective condition, to restrict waste as much as possible, and to improve, extend, and equalize the distribution.

Maintaining the Aqueduct.—The Croton Aqueduct where built on embankments over low grounds, had shown signs of weakness from the first day it was brought into use, as shown by the reports of the Water Commissioners and the Croton Aqueduct Board. Cracks or fissures in the masonry were of frequent occurrence; from 1863 to 1869 the Croton Aqueduct Board reported over 34,000 linear feet of fissures discovered and repaired. The repairs were confined to a mere stoppage of leaks with cement. Working under this system, the waste of 90,000,000 gallons of water daily, the danger of more serious ruptures became imminent, but no measures for permanently strengthening the structure were taken until 1876, when the following plan was adopted: Turning an additional arch over the original arch, raising the parapet walls 18 inches above the spring line, raising the retaining-walls several feet, to a level with the top of the arch, and removing about 3 feet of surplus earth covering to the sides of the embankments. The length of the aqueduct requiring this treatment is nearly nine miles. The department having no means beyond the usual maintenance appropriation to apply to this work, its progress was necessarily slow. Up to Dec. 31, 1878, it had advanced about 3,000 lineal feet, and in 1879 it was further extended 2,700 lineal feet. For the year 1880, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment granted the appropriation of $150,000 asked by the department for this work, enabling it to advance the improvement about 14,000 lineal feet, and leaving about 22,000 lineal feet for future provision. Meanwhile, the other portions of the aqueduct, the siphons, waste-weirs, gate-houses, distributing reservoirs, bridges, culverts, retaining-walls, fences, water-gates, high-service works, &c.—were kept in perfect repair.

Suppression of Waste.—The first of a series of measures to suppress waste of water was the employment of inspectors to go from house to house to detect leaks, plumbers' and service-pipes, and will-ful waste by keeping faucets open. During the three years 1877, 1878, and 1879, 208,270 house inspections were made, resulting in the detection of 39,947 leaks from defective plumbing, and 6,064 cases of willful waste by keeping faucets open. The next step was to abrogate the system of farming out the revenue from the supply of water to shipping and for the erection of buildings, under which a large waste occurred along the docks and piers. The last contract for this business expired June 4, 1877, since which time it has been under the immediate control of the department, resulting in great saving of water and an increase in revenue of over $50,000 a year. Lastly, it was found necessary to make a more extended use of the power to apply water-meters to business establishments and stables. The meter system is not a popular measure, which circumstance is probably due to great part to the attempt during the King period to fasten upon the City an extravagant, if not fraudulent, meter contract. But it is certainly preferable to the alternative of a great decrease in the pressure of water, or the immediate construction of a costly aqueduct, and it is an evident justice to making the consumer or the moneyed consumer pay for his waste instead of indulging it at the expense of other people. Up to Jan. 1, 1879, the application of meters was confined to the docks, breweries, sugar refineries, railroad stables and a few other places, and the total number of meters in use was 6,001. During 1879, 797 new meters were placed, and several thousand notices were recently sent out requiring the application of meters in business places and stables. A great amount of waste has already been stopped, and it is estimated that the ultimate saving of water by meters will amount to at least 10,000,000 gallons daily.

Sources of Supply.—The capabilities of the Croton water system, as then developed, were put to a very severe test by the almost unprecedented drought of 1876. The department had then but one storage reservoir (the second one being far from completion) and a few of the natural lakes in the Croton basin available for a supply. From June 22 to Nov. 17 no water ran over the Croton Dam, and the Croton River diminished to the dimensions of a mere brook. The one reservoir and the lakes that available were not capable of supplying the deficiency, and steps were at once taken to secure water from additional lakes and ponds, by acquiring water rights and cutting down outlets. The department was thus enabled to draw during the season 13,000,000,000 gallons of water, in addition to 175,000,000 gallons drawn from the Boyd's Corner Reservoir, and to avert the misfortune of a water famine. The Summer and Autumn of 1877 brought another severe drought, with the new reservoir in the middle distance. It arrived by the efforts of the officers in his room, at No. 68 Charlton-street. He sprang out of the window to the roof of a shed, and thence, by means of the fire-escape, he climbed up to the roof of the adjoining house, where he was captured. Miss Troy identified them as the fellows who had assaulted and robbed her. She was so overcome on seeing them that she fainted, and was so prostrated as to be unable to appear in court to enter a formal complaint. The officers explained this to Justice Otterbourg, and he upon remanded the prisoners to the custody of the officers until this afternoon.

OFFICER SULLIVAN ACQUITTED.

Officer James J. Sullivan, of the Fifth Precinct, in full uniform, was arraigned as a prisoner before Judge Gildersleeve in General Sessions, yesterday. The complainant was Thomas O'Halloran, employed by the American District Telegraph Company as night watchman. On the night of June 18 last, O'Halloran, in the discharge of his duties, was satisfying himself of the security of a door on Sullivan's post. The two men had known each other before, and no friendly feeling existed between them. The officer inquired O'Halloran's business, the latter made an impertinent reply, and a quarrel ensued. The two speedily proceeded to blows, and both he the armed with clubs, a lively clubbing match ensued. O'Halloran got the best of the fight, and Officer Sullivan was compelled to retreat to Hudson-st., where his wounds were dressed by Mr. Charles Murray. Next day each preferred a charge of assault and battery against the other, but that against O'Halloran was dismissed, while Sullivan was held for trial. On the trial yesterday, Officer Sullivan positively swore that O'Halloran was the aggressor, and proved an excellent character. The jury promptly acquitted him.

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SENATE.

THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

Mr. JONES, of Florida, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds of the House and Senate, acting jointly, reported a concurrent resolution instructing those committees to examine as to whether or not further legislation is required, and what additional appropriations will be necessary, in relation to the foundation and completion of the Washington Monument; what time it will take to finish the same, whether or not any contracts have been made for materials, and whether any changes have been made or are desirable in the original plan, and an estimate of the cost of completing the structure, and in regard to bill or otherwise on the second Monday of December next. Placed on the calendar.

CONSULAR REPORTS.

Mr. WHYTE, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing, reported back the memorial of the New-York Chamber of Commerce, recommending the monthly publication of Consular reports, and asked that the committee be discharged from its further consideration, and that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, because it will require the re-establishment of the Bureau of Statistics in the State Department to carry out the request of the memorialists. It was so referred.

THE NEW-YORK EXHIBITION BILL.

The bill introduced by Mr. KERNAN to provide for an International Exhibition on the anniversary of the recognition of American independence, in 1883, in New-York City, was discussed.

Mr. THURMAN, of Ohio, said he would be glad to see such an exhibition, and see it succeed, but he thought this not a wisely-conceived bill. In his judgment the only way to make such an affair successful was to appoint a very few men—the best men available for the purpose—and pay them a good salary to enable them to devote their whole time to it.

After further discussion the morning hour expired, and the Anniversary Exhibition bill went over.

THE GENEVA AWARD BILL.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the Geneva Award bill.

Mr. THURMAN of Ohio, moved to amend the substitute proposed by Mr. HOAR, by striking out the clause providing that the Court of Commissioners should consider and allow as a good claim for the payment of premiums for war risks. He said war premiums were expressly excluded by the Geneva tribunal—not by implication, but expressly. Not only that, but they were not insisted upon by our Government. Not a penny was ever awarded in or in respect of enhanced premiums. He wanted the Senate to vote, if he could get it to do so, upon this distinct proposition. Perhaps the best mode of procedure would be to decide by elimination what the Senate wished to do.

Mr. HAMLIN, of Maine, inquired of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Thurman) whether claims for losses by the destruction of vessels by the escapated cruisers, and which are recognized in the committee bill, were not excluded by the tribunal as well as the war premium claims.

Mr. THURMAN—Undoubtedly they were; and if there were no more of the money in the Treasury than would pay those whose losses were provided for by the tribunal, I would say stop after paying them. But there is likely to be several millions more than is necessary to pay them. The question is, what shall be done with the surplus? Shall we—I do not believe we are under moral obligation to return it to Great Britain. Are we to make it a part of the general fund of the Government? Then comes the conflict between the war premium men and the mere claim men. I do not like that. In my opinion, they are both subordinated to the first class owners on whose losses the award was based. But if there is a surplus after these are paid, I think those whose property was destroyed by the escapated cruisers have a better claim on the generosity of the Government than do the men who simply paid enhanced premiums of insurance.

Mr. CONKLING, of New-York, thought the reply of the Senator from Ohio to the question of the Senator from Maine was not satisfactory. He had supposed to state his understanding of the matter, which was that war premiums were denominated "consequential damages," and so figured in the American case. The tribunal decided that it had no jurisdiction whatever over such claims. In other words, that they were not embraced within the treaty. Coming now to the case of the escapated cruisers, they decided not that they had no jurisdiction, but they adjudged, as a matter of fact, that in regard to certain named cruisers no recovery could be had in respect to them. Now it was mere matter of fact. Virtually the British and Confederate cruisers would not have been exempted. It was part of the matter before the tribunal, whereas, they found that on no conceivable state of facts were the enhanced premium claims within the treaty. I do not understand that the two classes stand on the same basis.

Mr. THURMAN agreed in this view, and continued: I have never been able to see how any man stood better because he had insured his property and paid an enhanced rate than does the man who was his own insurer.

Mr. HAMLIN, of Maine—Where is there any conflict between these two classes, as asserted by the Senator from Ohio?

Mr. THURMAN—Every one of the proposed amendments provides for the payment of war premiums.

Mr. BLAINE—But does any advocate of paying war premiums say that because they are better than those for the loss of ships?

Mr. THURMAN—Why, when the vote comes the Senator will find Senators will vote for war premiums and will not vote for the excaptured cruiser claims. Continuing, he said that owners charged the premiums on the price of the goods, and made a profit on them when they sold them to the people. It is these people who have paid the war premiums, and not the merchants. He would like an explanation of that fact.

Mr. BLAINE—While the honorable Senator from Ohio must be credited with a very extensive knowledge of law, I doubt whether he has as accurate a knowledge of practical business. He is perfectly at ease in the belief that all the man had to do who paid a war premium was to charge it in, and it went to the consumer. Now, to show how utterly fallacious that is, let me state the actual fact. Here are two ships, side by side at Liverpool, or any foreign port. One has the British crown on her stern. The other has the stars and stripes at their masthead. One of the vessels is for freight to any port on the surface of the globe. When the American ship has to pay a large premium for insurance, does the honorable Senator, as a practical business man, say that the merchant who has the freight to send will agree to pay that much more than the English ship? Not at all, he will say he will take it at what the man had to do was to charge it in. The American ship not only had to pay that and get no extra for it, but even after it paid the insurance, it did not stand on a par with the British ship. I have a letter from one who had to ship in the business. A charter was to be made and dispatched to Portland, Me. The shipper said: "I cannot afford to send by you even upon insurance, because Confederate cruisers are thick, and I am not sure you will reach port; and although you will insure my freight and give me better rates, I am compelled to send by a British vessel because I know she will not be disturbed. And in the face of these facts, everywhere admitted, the honorable Senator from Ohio says all the man has to do was to charge it in his account.

Mr. THURMAN said there was nothing in the proceedings of the tribunal to show that the amount was fixed upon in such a way. As a matter of fact, the claims for consequential damages were excluded. The Senator from Maine had not met the point to his satisfaction. He says, continued Mr. Thurman, that because British ships could carry goods, therefore, the American owner paid war premiums, and, therefore, he was trampled out of existence. If so, how is it that our ships have their claims here? If they did not carry on the business, if the American flag did not float on the high seas, if there were no American ships which were insured, and paid war rates, how comes this mighty class of war-premium men? Far out-numbering all the other classes put together? If the Senator from Maine knows of the fact, it is because their business was not struck down. Their profits may have been lessened, but if they had not made profits, they never would have carried on the business.

Mr. BLAINE—Does not the Senator know enough of navigation to know that a ship-owner will keep his vessel afloat rather than let it rot in the harbor, if he does not make cent, thus giving employment to the sailors and helping to continue the commerce of the country? And that is one of many other branches of trade. The honorable Senator also forgets that from the time the danger set in from the Confederate cruisers until it was gone by nearly 900,000 tons of American shipping, and some of it the best and largest shipping, took refuge under the British flag. They would not take the hazard and pay 25, 30, 35, and 40 per cent. premium when they could get it up. I am not concerning them. I am only pleading the cause of those who, against all trial and temptation and fear of loss, boldly and defiantly sailed their ships during the entire period of the war under the protection of the stars and stripes, believing that, if, in every day that they put by, nothing for insurance paid; that it was a claim against the Government of Great Britain which the great Government which they were serving would, in the end, see was paid.

Mr. THURMAN said that if the ship-owners preferred to risk the loss of their ships rather than permit them to rot at the wharves, he did not see where the patriotism came in. A while ago these ships sailed the ocean with the Stars and Stripes at their masthead, out of patriotism. They would tear pull down the flag, not they. It was just to show that flag on the broad seas and in the sea of all, sailed out of pure patriotism that they kept afloat. Now, the Senator says that was not it at all. It was because they made a mere calculation of profit and loss, and thought it better to run the risk of destruction on the sea than await certain destruction at the wharves. If that is not taking the patriotism out of the argument I do not know what is it. But what of the man who freighted the ship? He had a good eye on profit when he chartered the vessel that did that did it because there was money in it, as he believed, and he would have stopped it the moment he found there was not. Now, what better position is a man in who has paid a war rate, and who, in consequence, sees that the man owned his ship and took out no policy at all? Then the case of an uninsured ship that was not captured, why should not her owners be paid a war premium? He was his own insurer.

Mr. BLAINE—We are here to indemnify somebody. The Senate thinks it is indemnity to give money to an insurance company that made a profit, or to a ship-owner who sailed his ship at a profit. I submit to the Senate that when you come to indemnity a man he must show a loss. I am arguing for excaptured cruiser claims just as earnestly as for war premium claims. I am as earnestly for the Government as earnestly as the Senator from Ohio. If he will put to the same condition that I put it in in behalf of those others, that they shall show they are losers.

Mr. THURMAN—Now, the Senator from Maine has laid down a principle that I venture to tell him he will not stick a week before he will back out. How do we get at the fact whether the insurance companies realized losses or not? We get at it in the bill of 1874 by saying that the insurance company should only claim for what it had paid after a full statement of all the business of war risks, showing a loss on its whole business. Will the Senator apply that to a man who paid war premiums, and require him to furnish an exhibit of his whole business to see whether he made or lost money on it; and then, if he did not, say he shall have nothing for his premiums? He will not. Yet that is what is done in respect to the insurance companies. Although insurance is a lawful business, essential to the commerce of the world, that the companies had continued to lose unless on a balance sheet it appears they have paid more on war risks than they have received. Now, when it comes to a question of claimants or shipowners who have paid risks, the Senator was simply any stick doctrine.

Mr. BLAINE—We shall be willing to follow the rule as far as practicable. But these insurance companies, essential to commerce, were not engaging the same kind of a business as all insurance implies risks. These were took their risk in the legitimate pursuance of their own business. According to the theory of the Senator from Ohio, the Government ought to insure these companies. "You not only have a chance of large profits, but the United States Government is going to collect and pay into your coffers all the losses on your risks. Wherever there is a vessel lost on which you pay, we will stand by you and pay it back out of the Award." Mr. Blaine went on to say that the doctrine of subrogation had been demolished by the argument of the Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. HOAR—He would not go into the legal arguments, lest he should make a mistake as the Senator from Ohio had made in regard to navigation, but he thought that Senator was attempting to apply legal principles which had no more application to the case than they had to the kingdom of heaven, whose laws of justice they offended.

Mr. THURMAN—The Senator has doubtless heard of such a thing as the right of subrogation.

Mr. BLAINE—Yes, and I heard it demolished by the Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. THURMAN—The Senator did not hear it demolished. When the Senator comes to be a judge, he will learn to hear both sides of a question.

Mr. Thurman here stopped, raised his hand to his forehead as if in pain, and seemed about to fall. Several Senators went to his assistance, but after holding his head with the vigorous rubbing of the tumbler on his desk, he walked into the cloak-room, leaning on the arm of Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Christie.

THE NAVAL BOARD OF SURVEY.

Mr. EATON, of Connecticut, said that, as his friend from Ohio was unable to proceed, he would move for an executive session, but at the request of Mr. McPHERSON, he withdrew the motion to allow the joint resolution for a board of survey on the double-turreted monitors to be taken up. Mr. McPHERSON proceeded to speak on the resolution, after which the resolution was amended by striking out the proviso that "none of the board shall be of a lower rank than Captain," there being not enough naval constructors of that rank to compose the board. The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. WHYTE, (Maryland,) at 3:45 P. M., the Senate went into executive session, and when the doors were reopened, at 4:45, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NEW BILLS.

Under the call of States the following bills, &c., were introduced and referred:

By Mr. HERBERT, of Alabama—Prescribing and defining the manner of guaranteeing to each State a republican form of government, and providing that whenever the President shall ascertain that there exists in any State a controversy between two organized bodies, each claiming to be the Legislature of such State, and such controversy cannot be determined by the lawfully-constituted authorities of such State, without resort to military force, he shall communicate the fact of such controversy to the Senate, which shall determine which, if either, of the two bodies is the Legislature of the State.

By Mr. HAYNES, of Connecticut—Proposing an amendment to the rules providing that no bill or joint resolution shall embrace more than one subject, and matters directly and properly connected therewith, which subject shall be expressed in its title, and a bill proposing to amend a section of the revised statutes shall recite the language of the statute if so amended.

By Mr. MONSON, of New-York—To secure a uniform standard of value. The bill is as follows:

Whereas, Under the constitutional power to coin money and regulate the value thereof, Congress has established a uniform unit of value, and provided for the free coinage of gold coins conforming thereto, and has further provided that the coinage of the standard silver dollar, which is intended and ought to be the equivalent of the said unit of value, therefore, to enable to coin and forever maintain the equality of the said standard silver dollar with the unit of value,

Be it enacted, That the gold and silver coins of the United States, which have a full legal tender, shall have after an interchangeable at their lawful value, either for the other, on demand of any holder thereof, at the office of the Assistant Treasurer in the City of New-York, when presented in sums of $100 or multiples thereof; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to provide for such interchange, and to cause to be coined such amount of standard silver dollars as may be necessary from time to time, in order to meet the demand for such dollars, and that all provisions of the law fixing or limiting the amount to be coined of such standard silver dollars, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

By Mr. O'NEILL, of Pennsylvania—To establish the compensation of Day Inspectors of Customs at New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, San Francisco, and Portland, Me., at $4 per day.

By Mr. WARNER, of Ohio—For the appointment of a commission to revise and readjust the Tariff and Revenue laws.

By Mr. DAVIS, of California—To organize the Territory of Alaska, and providing for the establishment of a civil Government thereof.

THE CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC BILL.

The morning hour was dispensed with, and the House, at 2 o'clock, went into Committee of the Whole on the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill.

The pending amendment, striking out the clause appropriating $50,000 for Chargés d'Affaires and diplomatic officers abroad, was defeated.

Mr. BLACKBURN, of Kentucky, offered an amendment, providing that if any Envoy Extraordinary, Minister Plenipotentiary, or Minister Resident shall be absent from his post for a space of four months or more in any one year, the salary of such officer shall be 50 per cent of

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A METROPOLITAN MUSEUM

THE OPENING OF THE INSTITUTION TO TAKE PLACE TO-DAY.

PRIVATE VIEW YESTERDAY—EXCELLENCE OF THE COLLECTION—GOOD TASTE SHOWN IN THE ARRANGEMENT—THE LARGE LOAN COLLECTION—MANY FINE PICTURES.

To-day, the Metropolitan Museum of Art will be opened with quite impressive formalities. The President of the Department of Public Parks, Mr. James F. Wenman, will turn over the building to the Trustees, and its acceptance will be acknowledged by John Taylor Johnston, Esq., Mr. Joseph H. Choate will deliver an address on the history and future plans of the museum, when the institution will be declared to be open. Some 3,500 invitations have been sent out, and, doubtless, this one of the leading events in the art history of New-York will be appropriately celebrated. On the 1st of April the museum will be open to the general public, and, as in the former locality on Fourteenth-street, admission will be free on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:30 A. M. to 6 P. M., while on Monday and Tuesday an entrance fee of 50 cents will be charged—fees, of course, to members and holders of tickets. What with the facilities the elevated railroads give the museum in Central Park, on Fifth-avenue and Eighty-second-street, is to-day most readily appreciable.

Yesterday a private view was held, which was largely attended. The building itself, as far as the outside goes, is unpretentious, being built of brick with stone dappings, and is constructed more to give full admittance to light than with much idea of symmetrical proportion. Inside, its decoration is somber. The floors are of tessellated stone; the staircases are wide, not too steep, and the ventilation and light are excellent. Some warmth is given to the interior decoration by means of a maroon color applied to the supports and columns. The roof rests upon supported on metal girders, and has a gradual spring. One very charming effect most worthy of mention is produced by the circular openings in the vestibule ceiling, how-lights, which, without any glass in them, allow a full view of the central hall. Where there has been no effort made toward architectural display, criticism would be out of place. It is an honest, good building quite appropriate for what is required of it, and answers perfectly all the purposes of a museum. Below, in the basement, there are good large rooms for offices, for packing and unpacking, and in the roomy hall is a convenient place for carrying on a school of art-teaching. A large pleasant suspender in the hall bears the inscription, "This room will be devoted to the collection of industrial art." As the museum ever has a fine set of casts this hall would be a convenient place to put them in. In the west entrance hall, which faces on Eighth-avenue, are the modern sculptures, the same as were in Fourteenth-street, with the addition of a few more which have been loaned. In the central hall are placed the loan collections, with the lace and embroideries; at the east end is a collection of Greek vases, while the Kensington reproductions are at the west end. A passage runs from one end to the other along the line of sight, but it is impossible to have prevented this. All these cases are filled with various articles of interest. Mr. Pryer, of Albany, has loaned his carved Chinese ivories; Mr. Drexel has sent his Egyptian antiquities; Mr. Prime shows his old volumes, as does Mr. Lenox his many volumes of fine bindings. Here are collections of miniatures, Limoges enamels, old arms, Sèvres, Dresden, and majolica. There are Oriental and Japanese stuffs, with silver repousse, in fine, an endless variety of strange, beautiful, or curious objects. In the north and south alcoves in the east hall and the east and centre hall are the Cypriote antiquities—the vases, terra cottas, bronzes, busts, statues of the Cesnola collection. These, including a great number which could not be shown in Fourteenth-street, have all been arranged with excellent taste and judgment and good results. Quite a careful effort has been made toward classification, which must give greater facilities for study and comparison. The very fine tomb which was formerly in a bad position in the Fourteenth-street building, has now that place of honor which it deserves, and looks well in its appearance. Another sarcophagus, belonging to the second of the Cesnola collections, will undoubtedly attract attention. It is not as high in art as the first sarcophagus, being either Graeco-Assyrian or Cypro-Assyrian. The form and decoration are both good, and have much claim of attention. In such a large hall the general effects of the Cesnola collection are singularly enhanced, and they make a really fine appearance. Falling down from the gallery above are suspended a number of tapestries, old French, Spanish, and Flemish specimens, which are excellent. Nearly everywhere color has been used throughout for the lining of the cases, and, as the light seems to be evenly diffused from above, there is no reason to suppose that much fading of the material will take place.

Nothing is more difficult than to bring about the installation of a museum of this character, where the objects are in great quantity, so as to evade monotony and produce effects. The regulation of art sometimes requires contrasts, but fancy decoration must be held secondary to sequence. Different periods of art must not be jumbled together, but times and epochs must follow in their order. Good taste, judgment, and good taste, seem to have controlled the arrangement of the numerous objects on the first floor. It should be always remembered that in museums, and most especially when objects are loaned to them, the utmost vigilance must be exerted. The more you show your things about, the more difficult it becomes to be assured of their safety.

To mount to the second floor, looking through the circular openings, is an easy task, as the stairs are excellent. There are two staircases which lead to the upper floor. Here are the pictures in two halls, one on the east and the west end. Passing along the gallery, the north one contains the collection of Oriental porcelain acquired by the museum from Mr. R. P. Avery. Here are Japanese lacquers, with ivory carvings, and many of the loaned objects. The gallery along this side is well filled, and quite a vista is reached. Continuing the circuit, the south gallery may now be taken, which leads again to the west hall. The south gallery contains Gen. Di Cesnola's most precious find, the Cyrium treasure, with the old iridescent glass. Here, too, are the bronzes, Venetian glassware, a collection of vases, and numerous pretty bibelots. It is quite evident that some restriction was necessary as to the selection of objects to be accepted for the loan collection, otherwise even the ample space the museum now possesses would not have sufficed. This hall, in fact, with its heavily carved cases, and extended ground as the Metropolitan Museum now covers. Many columns would have to be written in order to do anything like justice to the collection. Its special excellence may, however, be insisted upon, and the good sense displayed in the arrangement of the building and the collection deserves the most dedicating commendation.

THE PAINTINGS.

The loan collection of paintings was made with rapidity, but the results are very satisfactory. Around the nucleus of old pictures by Dutch and Flemish masters, the greater part of which belong to the Metropolitan, there have been grouped two loan collections of modern paintings, the one being works by foreign artists, the other by Americans. The inner gallery at the east end of the building contains the old masters, and they overflow into the outer room. But more than one entire wall of this apartment is covered by the paintings of an artist whom Boston has been honoring. From owners in Boston and New-York and from the estate of the artist's family a very complete collection of the typical styles of the work of the late William Morris Hunt has been procured. The two galleries at the west end are entirely filled with carefully-selected foreign and American work of modern make, and it is not too much to say that in these two rooms a very fair idea can be obtained of the state of modern art abroad and at home. Since the old paintings belonging to the Museum are pretty well known to readers of THE TIMES, it may be profitable to notice first this mixed collection of moderns.

There is an impression abroad and at home that American artists fear comparison with those of Europe, and certainly, until very recently, the great numbers and thorough drill of foreign workmen have imposed, not only on the public, but on our own artists as well. It is, therefore, a surprise to find that the Hanging Committee having charge of this department has boldly challenged comparison between foreign and native art by placing the canvases indiscriminately side by side without regard to anything but the question of color, whose pleasure hurt each other by neighborhood they were changed about; but whether they were by Americans or Europeans made no difference. Native art is therefore to be judged by the radical test for the foreign artists present are by no means of inferior grade; only in a few cases are they of third rank; the greater proportion is the work of Frenchmen, whose paintings are sought for by their own Government as well as by foreign visitors to Paris, while in numbers the names are second to none in modern art. The committee consists of Messrs. Colman, Walter, Smillie, and Sarah Gifford.

There are a few specimens of Bouguereau, Knaus, and Kaulbach; there is a "Death of Caesar" by Piloty, of Munich; there are cattle pieces by Rosa Bonheur and Sidney Cooper. Still it is poor people it may seem that these artists do not offer much of a test, their work being thought inferior to other modern masters, there is also work by Corot, Jules and J. F. Millet, by Breton, and Cazin, Diaz, Ziem, Fantanelle, Daubigny, Rousseau, Troyon, Villegas, Fusini, Madrazo, and Jacito. Figures are those by Diaz are surprisingly abundant, and belong to his earlier manner, in which his color is somewhat luscious and his figures rounded and soft. There is as good a piece of work as Thomas Faed ever painted, although it is not as large as some of his. The Kaulbach is a cartoon in oils representing one of his ideal landscapes full of battle and movement; the Millet a little subdued figure of a peasant woman at the spinning wheel; one of the specimens of Jules Jacquet is his celebrated Madonna and family, surrounded by cherubs, which has been so often reproduced in colored and plain photographs and photogravures. The Fusini is a noble picture, called "The Resort of the Faithful." Rosa Bonheur's work is in the strong Oriental facade of a very high palace in a group of horsemen clothed, Oriental fashion, in turbans and baggy pantaloons, and with long lances in their hands. Cattle are represented in the foreground, and the Alhambra and Alcazar Companies and the Immense of a consolidated capital of $50,000,000. The new system will be nearly 1,200 miles in length, and will have a capital of $25,000,000, and a bonded debt of $17,000 per mile. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Company merges will be doubled.

YOUNG BENEDICT'S INDUSTRY.

AS EXHIBITED IN HIS KEEPING OF MR. E. B. BANSFORD'S PETTY CASH.

Edward B. Benedict arrived here from Buffalo yesterday morning, and was arraigned before Justice Smith, at the Essex Market Police Court, on a charge of embezzling $70 from Mr. Edward D. Bansford, of this City. The prisoner is 23 years of age, and gives his residence as No. 286 East Eagle-street, Buffalo, N. Y. He was cashier in Mr. Bansford's store on the 10th of March, when the embezzlement is alleged to have occurred. To Justice Smith, after hearing the affidavit of Mr. Bansford read, Benedict remarked that he had nothing to say. He was committed for examination in default of $2,000 bail.

Benedict, it will be remembered, in the week with two months ago, contrived to marry Miss Allie Bansford, daughter of the late Edward D. Bansford, and sister of the present complainant, and who recently figured prominently in Buffalo in connection with an election case. He had swindled a banker of that city out of $10,000. This charge, and others of a like nature, such as the obtaining of diamonds and jewelry from dealers under false pretenses, his young wife and her family firmly refused to believe, even when gradually revealed certain circumstances of his remarkable his financial circumstances. His family associations were proud, he himself having been well brought up, and, all things considered, he possessed every requisite for a desirable husband for Mrs. Bansford's daughter, and their marriage followed. Mr. E. D. Bansford became attached to his youthful brother-in-law, installed him as cashier in his office in the Cooper Institute Building, with the result already indicated.

Through the bars of a window in the Essex Market Prison yesterday, Benedict said to a TIMES reporter that when the proper time arrives he will be able to establish his complete innocence of the charge now preferred against him, as well as of the allegations which he was required to meet in Buffalo. He admitted that he was guilty of the part of a conspiracy to break the heart of his young wife before she was come into possession of her property. He exhibited a Buffalo Sunday newspaper containing a card signed by T. S. E. Dickinson, in which they say they are candidates of his good character in connection with the diamonds which he was accused of having obtained under false representations.

It appears by Mr. Bansford's books that, from the very day young Benedict received sole charge of the petty cash book, he commenced, and thereafter continued the practice with an energy and perseverance that left no room for complaint about his industry. His appropriations varied between $10 and $70 daily for 24 of the 28 days he was in the office. Their total amount was $613 95. Upon this discovery the anger and disgust of the whole family—wife, mother-in-law, and brother-in-law—were aroused, and they determined to remove Benedict as far from their business and their home as the law would allow. The prisoner's statement that he was but a young man, and had reformed, cut no ice. On Sunday, it was Mr. Bansford who provided bail from among his friends when Benedict was brought into the Buffalo scrape, and was chiefly the means of reconciling his mother to the ill-starred marriage.

AN UNPROTECTED CITY.

REASONS WHY THE PATERSON POLICE FORCE SHOULD BE INCREASED.

For a long time there has been quite a public sentiment in Paterson, N. J., in favor of an increase of the police force, which is absurdly small for a city of the size of Paterson, there being only 24 men all told. The failure to keep up the force has been partly on the ground of economy and principally because of political jealousy. The Board of Trade, representing some of the heaviest tax-payers of the city, last night presented an elaborate memorial to the Board of Aldermen, urging an increase of the force to at least 50 men. They complain that during the last year or 18 months there have been frequent disgraceful rows, riots and street fights, which the Police have been powerless to stop or to prevent, that public meetings have been interrupted, policemen successfully resisted in attempting to make arrests, and that nobody has been punished in any of these cases. Also, that at least three undoubted murders have been committed, and the guilty parties have escaped. On June 28, 1879, James Alfred Osborne was killed by John Hartley with a cart-rung, and scarcely an effort has been made to arrest Hartley, although it is said his whereabouts have been known to the Police for months. On Oct. 2 last, Gottfried Gerstenberg, alias Michael Fuchs, in Ward-street, was called to his door and shot and instantly killed, presumably by some young rowdies in the neighborhood, but not even an arrest was ever made for this shocking murder. On Feb. 21 last, Mrs. Harriet Hink was murdered in her bed, and no light has been thrown on the commission of the tragedy. In addition to these cases of unquestionable murder, the memorial goes on to recall several cases of mysterious deaths in and about Paterson which have never been satisfactorily cleared up, and where the Coroners' juries have failed to render verdicts of "death from causes unknown." In view of the frequency of these grave crimes, the Board of Trade recommend that the city authorities offer rewards for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators of any of these murders, and that the Prosecutor of the Pleas exercise his authority for the employment of detectives to the same end, and they also suggest various measures for improving the morals and efficiency of the existing Police force. The memorial was referred to the Committee on Police. Prominent members of the Board of Trade declare that they intend to keep up the agitation of the subject until the city authorities take decisive measures to accede to their recommendations.

SCHAEFER WINS THE MEDAL.

THE CLOSE OF THE BILLIARD TOURNAMENT IN AID OF THE FAMINE FUND.

The "tie" game in the Irish Famine Fund Billiard Tournament, at the Union-Square Billiard-rooms, was played off last night between Jacob Schaefer, the champion, and Randolph Heiser, in the presence of about 150 spectators. Schaefer and Heiser had each lost one game in the series, the former having been beaten by Carter and Heiser by Schaefer on the opening night of the tournament. The game was opened by Heiser last night, who began by scoring from the spot-balls, but made only 2 points. Both men played nervously for the first four innings, Heiser making but 5 points and Schaefer 6. Then Heiser let himself out for 11 points, played all over the table, and left the balls so that in two shots he could get them together in the upper left hand corner on the rail. He played nearly all around the table, when the balls froze at 149. Schaefer scoured from the string, and on the next shot got them together, so that on the third shot they were on the top rail again. He carried the balls down the table as they froze, but he counted again from the spot, and ended the run with 242, his score being 248 to Heiser's 16. At the end of the eighteenth inning Heiser's score was but 74 to the champion's 374. In his next inning, for the first time in the game, Heiser got the balls on the rail and made a run of 96, and when Schaefer made a 0, in the same inning, Heiser got in another run of 49, but made a bad miss on his fifteenth shot, his score standing at 217. Schaefer then missed, and Heiser followed his example, but he left the balls in a bad position for the next run. Heiser played in very poor luck all through the game, and could not get the balls to roll his way. Schaefer played well, and was lucky to boot in many of his shots. At the close of the game the medal was presented to the champion by Mr. John O'Connor.

Full returns of all the tickets issued have not been made yet, but Mr. O'Connor said, last night, that he believed the famine fund would receive about $400 from the tournament. On next Thursday night a four-handed game is to be played for the benefit of the veteran billiard-player, Mathew Dennis, who is 70 years old, and very sick and needy. Schaefer and Heiser are matched against Sexton and Daly for that game.

SUING A MINISTER FOR LIBEL.

Samuel J. Horton, of Hewlette, has sued the Rev. William W. Maguire, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Lawrence, for slander, in the Queens County Court, laying his damages at $1,000. Mr. Horton, while Treasurer of the Board of Stewards of the Church, submitted his accounts to the scrutiny of Mr. Maguire, who audited them, and as Mr. Horton alleges, passed them as correct. Shortly after this it came to Mr. Horton's ears that Mr. Maguire had said that there was a deficiency in his accounts of some $4. Mr. Horton demanded that the matter be investigated, and the trustees concluded to place him on trial. Mr. Horton alleges that the brethren who composed the jury were all sympathizers of the pastor and the consequence was that he was convicted. He alleges that Mr. Maguire went about the town telling the people that he (Horton) was dishonest and a cheat in his business; that he sold coal at short weight. Mr. Horton has withdrawn from the Rev. Mr. Maguire's church, as have also some fifty other members, and they have organized a Protestant Methodist Association and are erecting a church that will cost about $2,500. The case will probably be brought to trial next week.

A DAUGHTER'S WAYWARDNESS.

When Mrs. Elizabeth Hickman died suddenly on New Year's Day, at Bergen Point, she left her property, worth $2,000 in all, to her daughter Arabella. A few days ago Arabella's father complained to the City Recorder that the girl was leading a wayward life and refused to submit to his control. The girl retorted that her father had abandoned his family years before her mother's death, and that the only reason why he had resumed relations with the family was his hope of securing his wife's bank account. The Recorder placed her in care of a Bergen Point lady, but she refused to submit to discipline there, and threatened she would again arrest. Her uncle, George Vreeland, promised to hold himself responsible for her good behavior, and was allowed to take her away with him.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

NEW-YORK.

The election of court clerks was deferred last evening by the Police Justices until their next regular meeting.

An unknown woman, about 60 years old, fair, and dressed in dark clothes, was found insane in the Twelfth Precinct yesterday, and was sent to the Ninety-ninth-Street Hospital.

A verdict of accidental death was rendered by a Coroner's jury yesterday in the case of William S. Smith, of the firm of John Wakeman & Co., who on the 20th inst. was shot in the shoulder at No. 10 Water-street, while taking a revolver out of a pigeon-hole.

Yesterday there were nine mild cases of measles at the Foundling Asylum. They are quarantined in the institution, and the sanitary officers are neither suspicious of the presence of the disease there, nor alarmed for the safety of the children who are not attacked.

The gold watch which was stolen in a car a few days ago from Mrs. Virginia E. Hoffman, widow of Ogden Hoffman, was yesterday sent to Detective McManus by a District Telegraph messenger. James, alias "Fatty," Dolan, who was identified as the thief, awaits trial.

The Police Pension Fund has an income of about $115,280, which is derived from interest on $260,000 invested in bonds, $16,380; the statutory assessment of $3 per month on every uniformed officer, $90,000; from fines, $7,500, and from rewards and other sources, $1,500.

Caroline Schoepf, who committed suicide by taking Paris green, at No. 614 Tenth-avenue, on Friday night, was not as has been reported, the wife of Albert W. Schoepf, a produce-dealer, of No. 66 Murray-street. She was the wife of Oswald Schoepf, an engineer, of No. 34 Fourth-street.

Philip Fitzsimmons and Felix Eldridge were arrested on Sunday night for passing counterfeit silver fifty-cent pieces on two liquor dealers in West Eighteenth-street. They were arraigned yesterday before United States Commissioner Shields, and committed to Ludlow-Street Jail to await examination.

The Easter festival in aid of the Home for the Blind will be held in the House, No. 219 West Fourteenth-street, to-morrow. An entertainment for the same charitable purpose, comprising tableaux, music, and recitations, will be given in Republican Hall, No. 55 West Thirty-third-street, on Thursday and Friday of this week.

John Watson, alias "Dutch Dan," who was arrested on suspicion of being one of the burglars who stole $3,000 worth of silk from Kelly's store, No. 19 Barclay-street, last Friday night, was discharged in the Tombs Police Court yesterday. He was identified, however, as a fellow who had made two suspicious visits to the store on Friday.

A fair, under the direction of the Ladies' Pastoral Aid Society of the Wainwright Memorial Church, at West Eleventh-street and Waverly-place, will commence this evening and continue to-morrow, Thursday, and Friday. A rich display of wares will be on sale, and refreshments will be provided for the little people. The Wainwright Memorial Church is a free institution, and ministers freely to the poor.

Mr. John W. Hamersley, of No. 265 Fifth-avenue, gave an elegant and unique dinner last evening to a select number of guests, among whom were Gen. Waite de Peyster, and other distinguished representatives of the old Knickerbocker stock in this City. The guests were in costumes of the olden times, and the whole tenor of the entertainment was a reproduction of the dress and style of the last century.

The Holland society, "Hendracht Maakt Macht," held their sixteenth semi-annual entertainment and ball last evening in Dramatic Hall, East Houston-street. The programme embraced musical exercises and feats of magic by Prof. Plate, who also presented a series of dissolving views, dissolving views of Holland scenery, after which dancing commenced and was continued to a late hour. About 300 persons were present.

Capt. Bennett, of the Thirty-fourth Precinct, reported to Inspector Dilks last night that at 9:25 P. M. an explosion, caused by escaping gas, occurred in the engine-room of the Bronx River Wool and Leather Company, at West Farms. Hiram Tyler, the engineer, was slightly burned on the head, and Hugh McCluskey, a fireman, was slightly scalded by escaping steam. The damage to property is estimated at $20.

J. Nagle and Daniel Sullivan were recently convicted in the United States Circuit Court of operating an illicit distillery in Second-avenue, near One Hundred and Tenth-street. A motion for a new trial was argued before Judge Blatchford, and Judgment was recently argued before the full bench, consisting of Judges Blatchford, Choate, and Benedict. Yesterday the court rendered a unanimous decision denying the motion and affirming the convictions, and the prisoners were remanded to Ludlow-street Jail for sentence.

Felix Eldridge, of No. 69 Carmine-street, and Philip Fitzsimmons, of No. 409 Hudson-street, were brought before Justice Otterbourg, in the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, charged with having passed counterfeit fifty-cent pieces on Louis Boest, of No. 241 West Twenty-eighth-street, and James Tighe, of No. 213 West Eighteenth-street. The officers who had the accused in charge were directed to take them before the United States Commissioner, on the charge of passing counterfeit money.

Mr. J. G. Dale, Agent of the Inman Line, has received plans of the new steamer, the City of Rome, which will be the largest and most commodious passenger steamer afloat. The electric light which was tried on the Inman steamer City of Berlin has given such unbounded satisfaction to all classes of passengers, that it will be generally adopted, and will hereafter be used in lighting the saloon, steerage and engine-room of that vessel. It will also soon be supplied to the other ships of this line.

A meeting of the Independent Republican Association was held last evening at No. 8 Union-square. Arrangements for a State conference of Independent Republicans were perfected, and the following lectures before the association were announced by the Executive Committee: Horace White, on "The Third Term;" Albert Stickney, "The Aims of Independent Republicans;" Charles Francis Adams, Jr., "Individuality in Politics;" Matthew Hale, "The Conditions and Limits of Party Fealty."

On the 16th inst., the apartments of Mrs. Sophia Glaser, at No. 94 Grove-street, were broken into and robbed of clothing and jewelry valued at $80. Officer Reynolds, of the Eighth Precinct, subsequently arrested James Harris, aged 27, giving his address at No. 25 Grand-street, and found the stolen property in his possession. The prisoner, who has already served a term in State Prison for burglary, pleaded guilty in General Sessions yesterday, and Judge Cowing sent him back to penal servitude for two years and six months.

A meeting of the New-York Academy of Sciences was held at No. 12 West Thirty-first-street, last evening. Dr. J. S. Newberry, the President, in the chair. A paper prepared by Mr. John M. Batchelder, of Boston, Mass., on "The Influence of Electricity upon the Growth of Plants," was read by Prof. Martin. Mr. R. B. Chamberlin read a paper on "The Sea-weed of New-York Harbor." He described 30 specimens of the algæ and showed some very excellent colossal drawings of them, indigenous to the waters in the vicinity of New-York City.

When President Morris, of the Board of Aldermen, reached the City Hall yesterday he was informed that a fashionably-attired young couple awaited his presence in the reception-room of the Common Council. They gave their names as Charles R. Shaw and Frances A. Evans, both of Portland, Me. Mr. Morris subsequently learned from them that they desired to be married, and he soon performed the ceremony, and pronounced them man and wife in the presence of the clerks of the office. The bride was 25 and her liege lord was 10 years older.

Yesterday, a respectable-looking man was seized with a paralytic fit in car No. 111 of the Third-Avenue Line, at Great Jones-street. An officer of the Fifteenth Precinct took him from the car and kept him in a house in Great Jones-street until an ambulance arrived and took him to St. Vincent's Hospital. He is described as 70 years old, wore dark clothes and a silk hat, and under-clothing marked "Brown." He had a silver watch and hair chain, eye-glasses, and $6 25 in money in his pockets. At 11 P. M. he had not recovered consciousness, and no inquiry had been made of the Police for a person answering his description.

The reason given by the Pacific Mail Company's officers for the non-payment of last month's installment of $60,000 of their debt to the Panama Railroad Company is that owing to the inundations the railroad company were unable to forward their freight according to the terms of the contract, and they have put in a claim for an allowance of $12,000, which they consider a fair rebate under the circumstances. The Panama Railroad people assert that they forwarded all the goods sent them, but express their willingness to allow for the delay that took place a sum in the neighborhood of $5,000, which they think ample. There has been no referee of the matter to arbitration, and it is thought that the companies themselves will be able to reach a settlement in a few days.

BROOKLYN.

The Rev. Chalmers Easton has accepted the unanimous call of the Lewis-Avenue Congregational Church, and will enter upon his work there at an early day.

The Hon. Stewart L. Woodford will deliver the first of the Centennial course of lectures in the Sinai this evening. Subject: "The South, its Present and Future."

The 26th of May has been fixed for the fifty-first anniversary of the Brooklyn Sunday-school Union. It is expected that 50,000 children and teachers will join in the annual parade.

In 1877 William Sleets secured a divorce from his wife on manufactured testimony. In setting aside the decree yesterday, Judge Gilbert said: "An extraordinary fraud was perpetrated on the defendant. This order will vindicate her. As the plaintiff has married again since the decree, and as it appears that his marriage with the defendant was formed upon the hinge the entering of this order may be suspended till she may answer, setting up countervailing charges and any other defense."

Timothy Desmond, at one time well known in the Democratic politics of this city, died on Saturday at his late residence No. 417 Clermont-avenue. The funeral services will be held in Cathedral Chapel, on Clermont-avenue, this morning.

Counsel for the firemen discharged last September without trial has served on the Mayor, Comptroller, and Auditor a protest against the payment of salaries of the men appointed in their stead until the rights of the parties are decided in the courts.

Alfred Mangot, aged 73 years, was arrested last evening for attempting to pass a number of counterfeit five-cent pieces on James Bigger, a cigar dealer, of No. 268 Myrtle-avenue. Fifteen of the counterfeit coins were found in the prisoner's possession.

Some persons, as yet undiscovered by the Police, is attempting to play the role of "Gentleman Jo" in this city. A crowd of boys seeking employment presented themselves at a real estate office yesterday morning in answer to an advertisement for an office boy, which the firm did not authorize.

The Common Council yesterday passed a resolution changing the date at which licenses, over which they have control, will expire, from April 1 to May 1. It is hoped that the new License bill, increasing the number of occupations to be licensed, will by that time have passed the Legislature and received the signature of the Governor.

The trial of the suit of William Josiah against the Franklin Fire Insurance Company was commenced yesterday to recover a policy of $500 on a planing-mill in Myrtle near Marcy avenue, burned Jan. 17, 1879, before Judge Gonkle and a jury. Mr. Ogden, for the defense, testified that Josiah told him on the day of the fire that it was the work of an incendiary. The case will be continued to-day.

The city sued ex-Controller Evan M. Johnson to recover the difference between the par value of city bonds sold by him while in office and the value at which they were sold. The allegation in the complaint was that the sales were fraudulent. The city lost the case, and now Johnson wants the Board of Aldermen to pay his legal expenses in defending the suit. His petition was referred to the Law Committee.

The cross-examination of E. F. Williams, President of the Greenpoint Savings Bank, charged with sending obscene matter through the mails, was continued yesterday, but he did not answer more than a half dozen questions, the time being spent in argument as to the admissibility of the letter written by the defendant in reference to the ship Plantor. The District Attorney contended that he had a right to use the letter for the purpose of proving the handwriting with the letter which forms the basis of the complaint. The letter was finally admitted. The further hearing was then adjourned until this morning.

STATEN ISLAND.

The Rev. C. Clark, Pastor of the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Mr. Taylor, Pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, both in Tottenville, preached their farewell sermons on Sunday.

Dr. Smith, the newly appointed Health Officer of the Port, went to Staten Island yesterday, accompanied by Quarantine Commissioner David W. Judd, and took formal possession of his office at the Boarding Station near Clifton. It is understood that Dr. Vanderpool, the retiring Health Officer, will sail for Europe soon.

A large mad dog created much excitement in the Village of Tottenville yesterday. It attacked everything it came across, and severely bit two pigs belonging to Mr. Lake. The dog entered the premises of David Johnson, and catching up a young Spitz dog with its teeth, carried him out into the road. The little victim was almost torn to pieces before he could be rescued. A number of citizens tried to kill the ferocious beast with clubs, but to no purpose. Finally, Mr. Johnson shot the animal four times in the head. The dog then ran howling down to a brook, into which it plunged, and in a short time died.

LONG ISLAND.

Mr. Ebenezer Kellum has been nominated as the Democratic candidate for Supervisor of the Town of Hempstead. Mr. Kellum has already served the town for several terms in the capacity of Supervisor, but for the past two years has been defeated by Mr. Charles H. Clement, Republican, who is again his opponent. The candidate for Town Clerk on the ticket with Mr. Kellum is Thomas Rushmore, son of ex-Sheriff Rushmore.

Burglars made an attempt to break into the Nautier mansion, at Clarenceville, early yesterday morning. By the tracks, they are supposed to have been three in number. They forced open a rear window, but were disturbed in their operations and fled. They had taken their shoes off preparatory to entering the house, and had not time to put them on again. Their tracks were followed as far as Woodhaven, where they apparently put on their shoes, and continued their flight toward East New-York.

NEW-JERSEY.

Congressman De La Matyr, of Indiana, addressed a large audience, in Library Hall, Elizabeth, last evening, on the subject of "Labor and Finance."

A babe abandoned by its mother was found on one of the benches in the Pennsylvania Railway Depot, Jersey City, last evening. It died soon after the Police had placed it in care of the Four Mariner.

Mary Pfeiffer, a passenger on the steamer Mass. of the Rotterdam Line, died on the voyage of the vessel to these shores. Her body was removed on the arrival of the vessel in Jersey City, yesterday, to Spencer Morgan.

Jacob Shepherd, an old resident of Arlington, died yesterday. His wife died a week ago yesterday. He was prostrated with grief at the loss, and on the following Tuesday he took to his bed. He predicted that he would follow her. He died on Easter Sunday, but he survived until 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

Vicar-General Doane, Pastor of the Newark Catholic Cathedral, has been created a prelate of the Papal Household, with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. The only two Americans on whom the honor has ever been conferred are residents of New-Jersey. The Vicar-General is a son of the late Bishop Doane, of the Episcopal Church, but embraced Catholicism 25 years ago.

The morning session of the Newark annual Methodist Episcopal Conference, at Paterson, yesterday, was occupied in listening to the Rev. Dr. J. S. Porter deliver his semi-centennial sermon. In the afternoon memorial addresses were delivered on the members of conference who had died during the past year—Dr. J. T. Crane, Dr. Dr. Cornelius Bashiell, the Rev. Thomas Walters. A large amount of business was transacted last evening, in order to allow of an early adjournment this afternoon, as Bishop Wiley is to preside at the opening of the New-York Conference to-morrow. The appointments will be announced this afternoon. The conference resolved to meet next year in St. Paul's Church, Jersey City.

DOCTORS' PRESCRIPTIONS.

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THE CALIFORNIA MINING STOCKS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 29.—The following are the closing official prices of mining stocks today:

Alpha	7½	Jackson	4½
Alta	3½	Lady Washington	21.32
Augusta	21.32	Mariposa	13½
Belcher	4	Martin White	11.32
Best & Belcher	10½	Mono	7½
Bullion	7½	Mammoth	7½
Bodie	9	McClinton	21.32
Belle Isle	1½	Northern Belle	16½
Bechtel	1⅞	North Bonanza	5.32
Boston Consolidated	1½	Nonesuch	3½
Bulwer	7½	North Belle Isle	11.32
Black Hawk	10.32	Navajo	1
Belvidere	1	Ophir	17½
California	3	Oro	6½
Challenge	3½	Overman	1½
Consolidated Virginia	9½	Potosi	1½
Crown Point	9½	Raymond & Ely	17.16
Consolidated Pacific	2½	Real del Monte	1
Caledonia	1	Savage	9½
Chollar Potosi	9½	Sierra Nevada	30
Dudley	7.16	South Bulwer	1
Eureka Consolidated	19½	Silver King	6
Exchequer	2½	Silver Hill	11.16
Gould & Curry	3	Scorpion	b.5
Grand Prize	1½	Stage	3½
Goodshaw	11.32	Tip Top	4
Hale & Norcross	24	Tuscarora	8.32
Imperial	5.16	Union Consolidated	65½
Independence	1	Wales	3½
Julia Consolidated	1	Yellow Jacket	7½
Justice	1½		

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

By steamship Rio de Janeiro, from Rio Janeiro.—Adam C. Rehfeldt, Count von Busch, German Secretary of Legation to the United States; Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bunce, J. H. Collins, George Moore, Ernest Schatzman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barrigas and daughter, Floyd T. F. Field, B. A. Horn, Frederick Herbert, Albert D. Brown, Ernesto Schwab, Hugo Oesdilla, L. G. Ferguson, Capt. Sandoli, Bianchi and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jory, Daniel Hallstead, Samuel Clauzen, John L. McLoughlin, William Shaw, J. Sweeney, Thomas Wallace, George Ball, Daniel Cahill.

By steamship Spain, from Liverpool.—Mr. Rottenbury, J. Rottenbury, Mr. Burgessy, James Bowne, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew and child, William Dowling, Frederick Briggs, Mrs. Briggs, Master H. L. Briggs, Miss Daly, E. Gray, Thomas H. Dean, G. S. Greenwood, Mrs. Greenwood, Harvey Young, John A. Barnett, S. Church, Mrs. Thrush, E. Bendemann, Arthur Lowe, the Rev. S. F. Jones, Miss Jones, W. H. Guyer, John Windsor.

WESTERN UNION TIME BALL.

NEW-YORK, March 29.—The Western Union time ball was today dropped correctly.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises	6:47	Sun sets	6:23
Moon rises	11:46	HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.	
Sandy Hook	10:27	Gov. Island	11:15
Hell Gate	12:33		

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK.....MONDAY, MARCH 29.

CLEARED.

Steam-ship Richmond, Stevens, West Point, Va., Old Dominion Steamship Co; Hermann, Bruce, Portland; J. F. Ames, Cryron, (Br.,) Hewson, London, Benham, Bowman, Pickering & Co; William Lawrence, Marsh, Fl; Baltimore, George E. Hinckley, Tilton, (Br.,) Lord Kingston, Sarsfield, Fl; Pim, Forward & Co; J. W. Garrett, Young, Baltimore, F. S. Evans.

Barge Maria, (Bus.,) Beekman, Quaacknow, ex Pelican, with coal, Smith, Smith & Co; Reliance, Howell, Cooking Cove, Weston & Brown & Co; Gowan, (Agat.,) Stone, Cork for orders, Slocovich & Co.

ARRIVED.

Steam-ship Gaston, (Dutch,) Meyers, Colonia Feb. 19, Montevideo 21st, Palermo 27th, Valencia March 2, and Gibraltar 6th, with indian, and passengers to Lawrence Giles & Co.

Steam-ship Maas, (Dutch,) Baxter, Rotterdam, March 14, 23d, with mdse, and passengers to Funck, Edye & Co.

Steam-ship William Lawrence, March 26, Baltimore, mdse, to George H. Glover.

Steam-ship City of Rio de Janeiro, Lewis, Rio Janeiro March 6, Bahia 8th, Pernambuco 11th, Para 14th, and St. Thomas 21st, with mdse, and passengers to Charles H. Mallory & Co.

Steam-ship Gracia, (Br.,) Grace, Liverpool March 16 via Queenstown 19th, with mdse, and passengers to F. W. J. Hurst.

Steam-ship Hydraulic, (Br.,) Bacon, Trieste 8th, 22, Messina March 2, and Gibraltar 8th, with mdse, to Sanger Bros.

Steam-ship City of Macon, Kempton, Savannah March 27, with mdse, and passengers to George Mason.

Steam-ship Bristol, (Br.,) Symons, Bristol March 19, with mdse, and passengers to W. R. Morgan.

Steam-ship City of London, (Br.,) Wilcox, London 16 ds., with mdse, to W. R. Thomp